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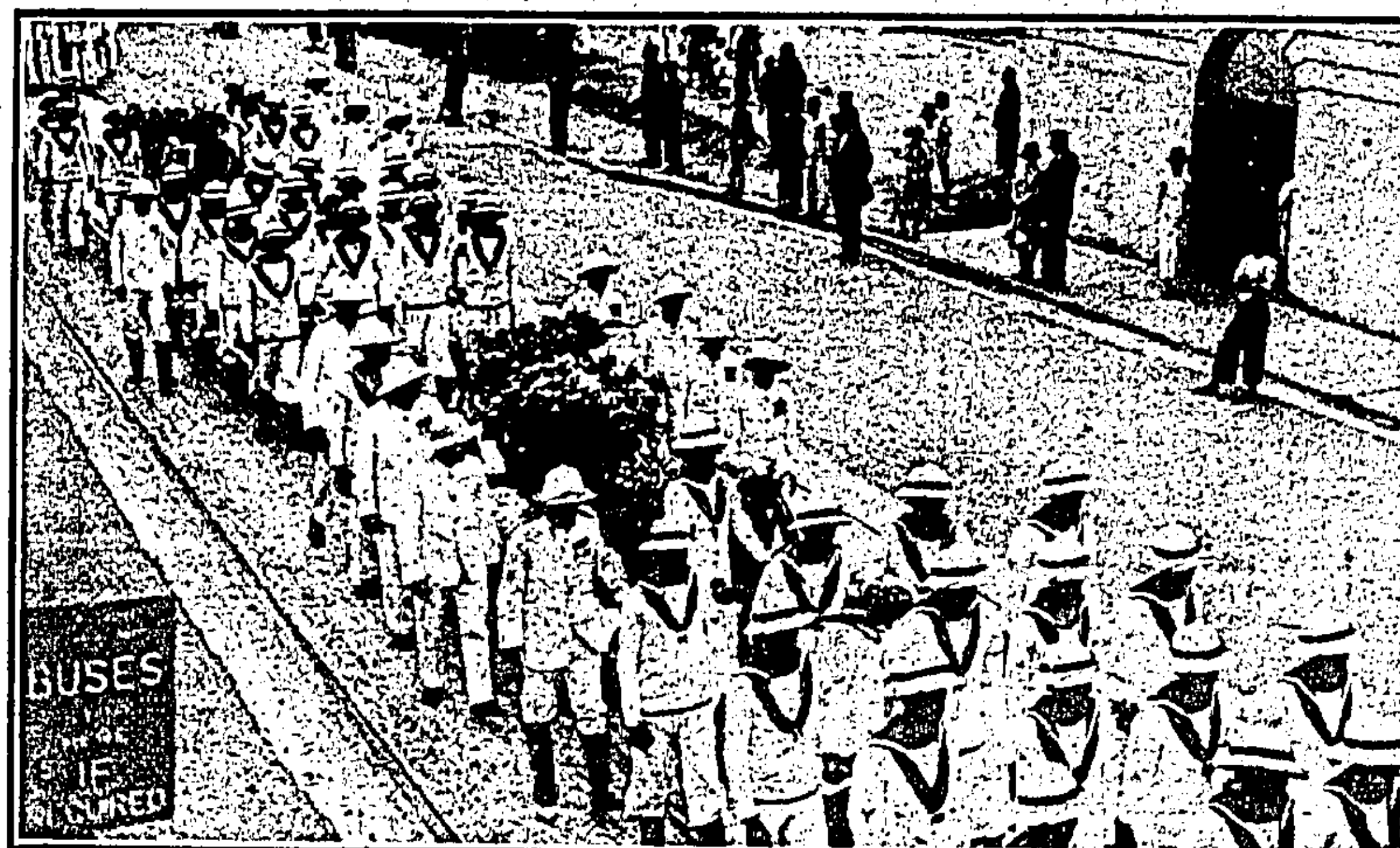
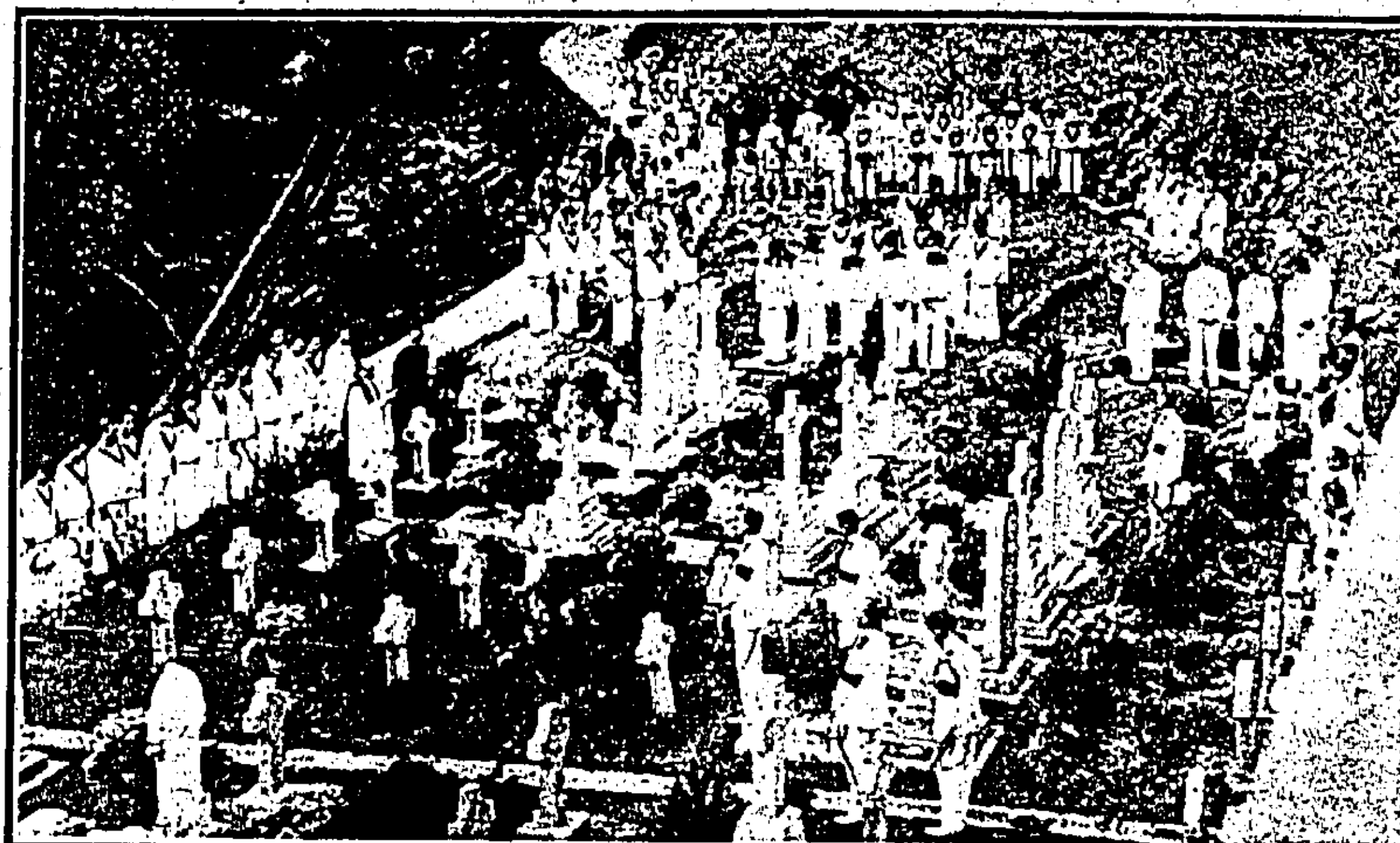
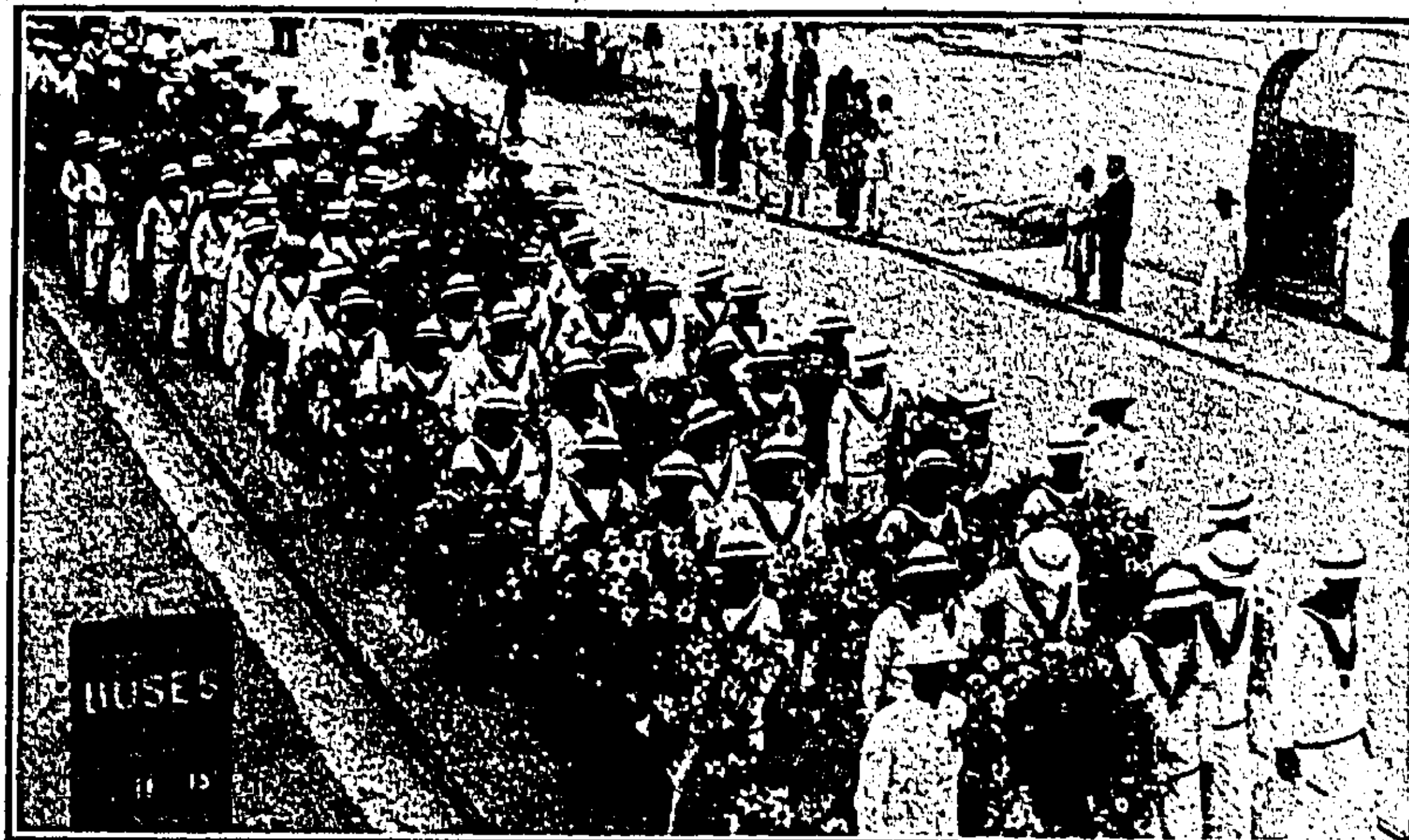
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FUNERAL OF NAVAL DISASTER VICTIMS.



Photographs taken at the funeral of the victims of the Sepoy disaster. Top, sailors carrying floral tributes; centre, the impressive scene at the graveside; bottom, the remains being conveyed on gun-carriages to the cemetery. (Photos: Mee Cheung)

SILVER SLUMP PROBLEM.

STABILITY WOULD BENEFIT
WORLD'S TRADERS.

AMERICAN VIEWS.

Washington, Apr. 6.
General opinion among ob-
servers here is that a tariff on
silver would offer but little help
to the world situation, with pos-
sible harm.

A Department of Commerce
survey declared that stabilization
of silver would provide a boom for
traders of the world. Silver
nevertheless would probably con-
tinue to play its historic role as a
fluctuating medium.

One authority pointed out to the
United Press that it was generally
overlooked that silver was purely a
commodity, like copper or corn.
Production of silver was found to
have been steadily on the increase
since 1921, with a consequent ten-
dency toward overproduction just
as would be the case with any
other commodity in like circum-
stances.

It is believed here that there is
only a remote possibility of
China's adoption of a gold stan-
dard, despite recommendations to
that end by the Kemmerer Com-
mission and other authorities,
since China neither controls nor
possesses sufficient stocks of gold
to bring this about.

Dispatches received from Colo-
rado and other Western States
show that a trade newspaper cam-
paign has been started, urging
young men to become prospectors.

The campaign declares that
American youth should emulate
the young men of the days of '49,
and buying burros, picks, bacon
and flour to go forth on the hunt
for gold. Such a course would
solve the unemployment problem
in the United States and increase
the world supply of gold, because
gold was plentiful in the moun-
tains.

"SEPOY" DISASTER FUND.

NAVY LEAGUE APPEALS TO
THE COMMUNITY.

VERY WORTHY CAUSE.

The Hongkong Branch of the
Navy League has decided to open
a special fund for the relief of the
dependents of the victims of the
recent explosion on H.M.S. Sepoy,
and is making a special appeal to
the public to support it.

The branch has opened the
fund with a contribution of £25
from its own funds. Mr. A. L.
Shields, the new President of the
League in Hongkong, Rear-Ad-
miral R.A.S. Hill, C.B.E., the Vice-
president, and members of the
Committee express the hope that

Help the Navy League's
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contributions from the Colony's
residents will be forthcoming and
point out that the object in view
will be helped considerably if con-
tributions can be sent in as quick-
ly as possible.

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A. Dowley, the treasurer, at Room
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ings. They will be acknowledged
from time to time in the Press.

By opening the fund the Navy
League gives residents a means of
expressing in a practical form
sympathy for the bereaved rela-
tives of the victims of the explo-
sion and also an opportunity of
illustrating Hongkong's apprecia-
tion of the debt which it owes to
the Navy.

CIRCLE CYCLING DANGEROUS.

WORSE THAN WHEN NOT
USING HANDS.

MAGISTRATE'S VIEW.

Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning expressed
the opinion that riding a bicycle in
circles was a greater danger to the
public than riding a machine with-
out hands on the handle bars, and
he differentiated between the two
offences by imposing fines of \$10
on Chinese who committed breaches
of the former regulation and \$5
on those who were guilty of not
using their hands on the handle
bars.

His Worship gave it as his view
that when riding without hands, the
rider had a certain amount of con-
trol of the machine and was not
such a danger to other traffic as
when circling. He said a cyclist
could maintain a straight course
even if he did not use his hands.
He himself had ridden a push bicy-
cle without using his hands and
had had control of the machine.

Sub-Inspector Chester Woods re-
plied that he had had a similar ex-
perience, but he had also fallen off
because of a stone on the roadway.
If a machine ran over an obstacle,
the bicycle would probably dash into
some pedestrian before the rider
could control the machine.

His Worship held that it was
more serious to ride in circles.



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marks is because, in the course of the Unofficial members' deliberations, the opinions of a Sub-Committee of that body were brought forward to weigh in the minds of the Unofficial representatives on this particular question of the high cost of living. The deliberations then were held in private. I am glad of this opportunity to declare that an open policy has all to commend itself. It, at any rate, disarms suspicion.

I consistently advocated allowance for both branches of the Civil Service—the sterling and the dollar. In the stand I then took up and take up now in this Committee one of percentage only is the deciding issue. If this Committee passes this vote of nearly four lakhs of dollars as a further allowance on account of the high cost of living to officers of the Government who, since July 1928, are in receipt of 12½ per cent. increase and are numerically very much smaller in strength than the rest of the Service while the claims of the dollar-paid men are under consideration for nearly a year, I cannot resist the observation that the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council lay themselves open to a charge of partiality. I disclaim guilt of that charge. I am for equality of treatment. Equality of treatment engenders contentment, and contentment ensures a more proficient and efficient public service. We should at any rate be consistent. It would be illogical to grant an allowance to the sterling branch and deny it to the dollar people.

Temporary Exchange Compensation.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton: In the absence, Sir, of Sir Henry Pollock, I really must make one comment so that the matter shall not be misunderstood. This is not a high cost of living allowance; this is a temporary exchange compensation to bridge over a temporary period, and it is so stated in Sir Henry Pollock's letter. "It was also pointed out by myself as chairman in the course of the discussion on this point that it was incorrect to describe the percentages as 'increased high cost allowance.' Such percentages should be described as 'extension of the table of a privileged rate of exchange.' I want it to be quite clear that what the Finance Committee recommended under Sir Henry Pollock's chairmanship was not a high cost of living allowance but exchange compensation allowance of a temporary nature for a temporary period. The second point which Mr. Braga makes is the question of secrecy. I can only say this so far as the Unofficial members are concerned, that it is absolutely essential they should meet together unofficially to discuss matters so as to ascertain amongst themselves what their general views are on various questions. There is no secrecy because we are here to-day to discuss openly this very item.

A Quibble.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—My reply to the honourable member is that if you read page 6 of the Message before this Committee, you will find "41—47, Miscellaneous Services—47, High Cost of Living Allowance," opposite the figures \$377,400. If this vote is

not for high cost of living allowance, I do not know on what ground this Committee is called upon to deliberate on a vote of nearly four lakhs of dollars. It is a matter of a quibble to my mind whether to attribute the high cost of living to the fall in the value of the dollar or to call this allowance to sterling paid men an allowance based on the drop in the value of the dollar. There is no denying the fact that but for the cost of living having increased and the disability under which sterling men today labour, this vote would never have been brought before the members of the Finance Committee of the Council and no question would have arisen as to the high cost of living. Therefore, I feel perfectly justified in my contention and in the arguments I have submitted for the serious consideration of this Committee and of the Government, that the dollar paid men should be adequately and justly remunerated for what is obviously a higher cost of living in Hongkong through the depreciated dollar. On the matter of whether the Unofficial members should or should not deliberate in private I must yield to the honourable member to whom I am replying to the extent that this is entirely a matter of opinion, I for one respect his opinion, but on the other hand I hold to my own that free and public discussion of matters where money votes are concerned are much better brought out and threshed out in the open public. In this way we should, as I said before, disarm all suspicion that the deliberations of this Council or of the Finance Committee of the Council are held by hole and corner methods.

Altered Conditions.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes:—Sir, I beg very respectfully to dissociate myself from the view expressed by the Hon. Mr. Braga with regard to the holding of unofficial meetings to discuss various matters to be brought before the Finance Committee or before the Council. Obviously it must be impossible for us, each having our own duties to perform in our daily lives, to be able to arrive at a well considered decision to be brought eventually before either the Chairman of the Finance Committee or before the Council, without meeting together and as my friend, Mr. Shenton has already stated there is no secrecy about it at all. Our deliberations are eventually brought to the public view. Mention has also been made on more than one occasion of the remarks our late Governor made at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Whilst I remember the statement made, I venture to think that when he stated that we should endeavour to improve conditions of living in this Colony, Sir Cecil Clementi regarded that as a consummation much to be desired, but I feel Sir Cecil and those who hold the same view did not envisage the situation which has arisen in this Colony since that time. Conditions of trade and commerce generally have not been such as to expect any improvement in the conditions of life in this Colony.

The Chairman's Reply.

The Chairman:—I will first shortly answer the points made by Mr. Braga. The methods the Unofficial members adopt in considering any question is, of course, a matter for their own discretion. It is perfectly clear that when these matters are put up formally in the form of a finance minute there is no limit to the freedom of their

speech. I think clear evidence of that has been shown this afternoon. Mr. Braga makes the point of the position of Government servants at present on dollar salaries. I need say no more on that point than to remind him that the report of the Salaries Commission does consider their position, and shortly, I hope, that report will be brought before this Committee and then before the Legislative Council for adoption. The Salaries Report covers all the points you raised, Mr. Braga. I do not want to go into the words "high cost of living" which appear in this minute. It is perhaps a misnomer and it is very difficult to get a name which exactly corresponds to the facts. With regard to the points that Mr. Shenton raised, it will be noticed perhaps, if you will look at the last sub-paragraph of this minute, that the condition included in the letter from Sir Henry Pollock conveying the decision of the Unofficial members that this is a temporary measure, is very clearly set out there: "In the event of the approval of the recommendations made in the Salaries Report, the sum of \$377,400 now requested with the \$420,000 already voted in the Estimates for 1930 will become part of the provision necessary for putting the new Salaries scheme into force." How that could be more clearly put, I fail to see. The condition asked for by Sir Henry Pollock is included in the formal minute, and the moment the Salaries report is finally dealt with this has to be reconsidered. In making the finance minute under the terms of this letter, it was impossible for the Government to put any figure there other than that they have put. To refuse to accept it now is a comparatively unimportant matter, because it has to be revised. The reasons for refusing it are rather difficult to grasp. Is it that the Unofficials are suspicious that the Government will try to pass the higher cost of living allowance as well as anything that may be granted under the Salaries report?

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton:—No Sir. The position is we are not prepared to vote more than six months at a time on this particular matter. That is the position in a nutshell.

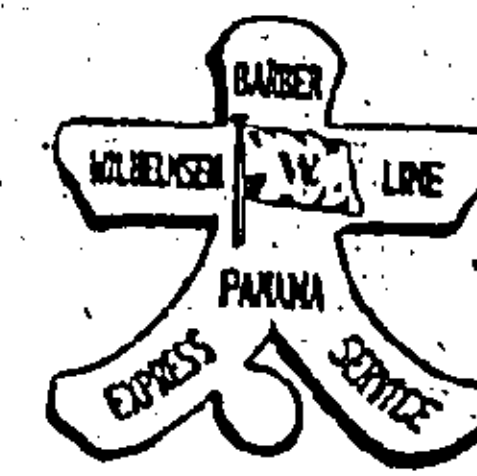
Government's Promise.

The Chairman:—We can accept that quite readily. It would have been better had it been so put in Sir Henry Pollock's letter.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton:—What we feel is that to be asked to vote a year ahead is more than we are prepared to do.

The Chairman:—This is the correct and only possible interpretation of the letter of the Unofficials received by the Government—to give a full year's estimate in advance with the usual practice of the Government in such matters. The saving clause at the end is a limitation within the meaning of that letter. Perhaps it would be a simpler matter and reach the same result, if the Government were to promise, as they did in last year's Budget, that no expenditure of this amount should be incurred without reference to the Finance Committee after the 30th June. That would save reprinting a good deal of material.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton:—That will meet our wishes. The Chairman:—The whole vote stands but there must be no expenditure on account of anything later than 30th June without further reference to the Finance Committee.



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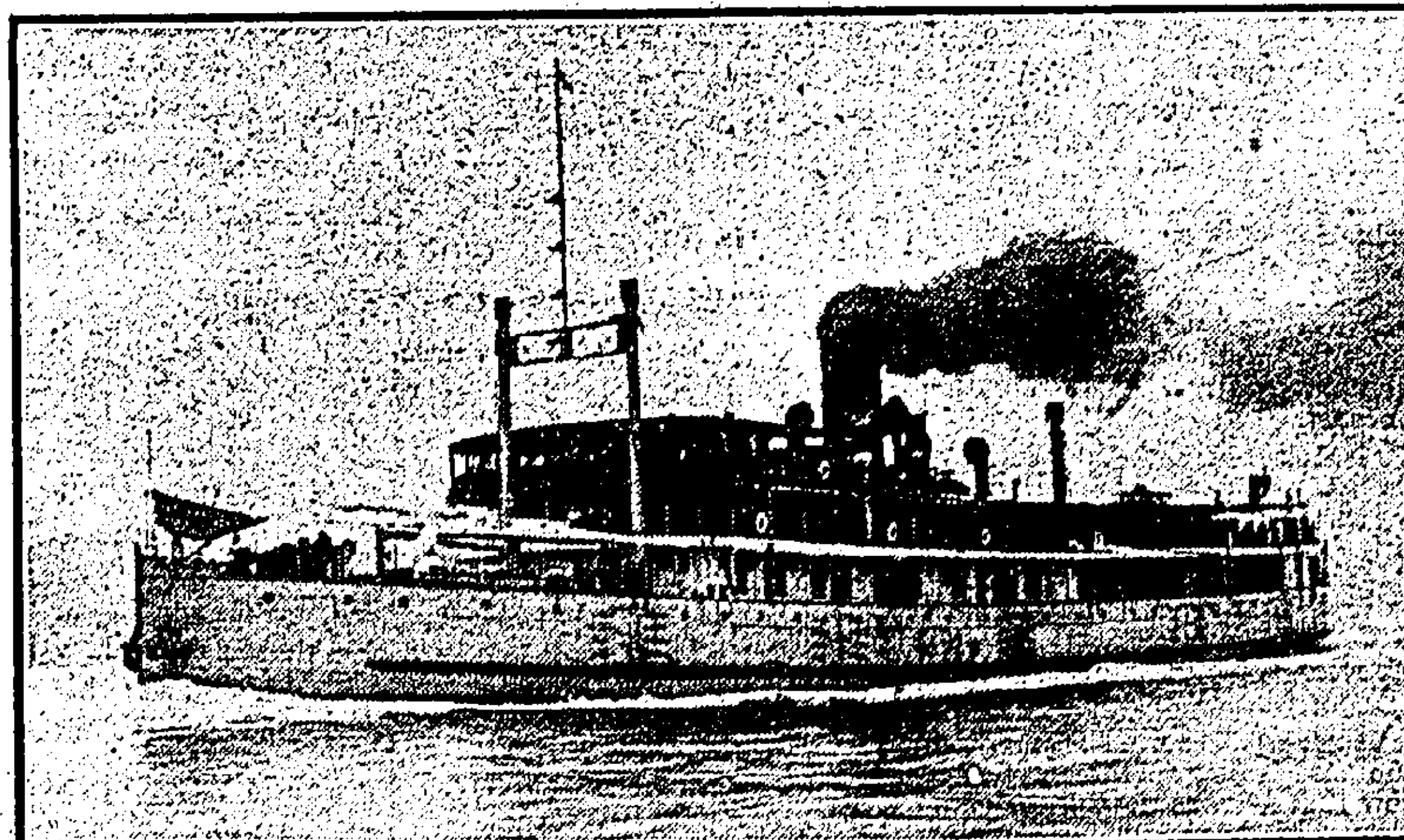
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 15/30 Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Board of Officers.

A Board of Officers will assemble in the lecture room at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd April, 1930 in order to decide which Members of the Corps, if any, have failed without reasonable excuse, to complete the requirements of Efficiency during the training period ending 15th April, 1930.

All Officers commanding Units will please arrange to check their records with the Adjutant prior to this date.

Casuals.

Musketry Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 13th April, 1930. All those, with the exception of the Portuguese Company, who have not yet fired are requested to do so. O.S. Companies will please endeavour to obtain the attendance of as many casuals as possible. This is the last opportunity for members to fire.

Range Officer:—2/Lieut. D. M. Richards.

Launches will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m. Dress:—Musketry Order i.e. rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches or bandoliers. Uniform or mufti optional. Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 11th April, 1930 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 12th April, 1930 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Corps Rifle Meeting.

The Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on 18th and 19th April.

Launches will leave Queen's Pier at 7.45 a.m., 8.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. calling at Kowloon Police Pier ten minutes later.

The dates and approximate times will be as follows:

Friday, 18th April.
9.00 a.m. Blake Shield and Musketry Competition.
9.00 a.m. Francis Cup.
2.30 p.m. Jar Competition.
3.45 p.m. Attack Competition.

Saturday, 19th April.
9.00 a.m. Corps Championship and Tyre Competition.
11.00 a.m. Reserves Competition.

Revolver Competition—Corps and All Comers—will be fired both days. 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Friday and 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon on Saturday.

Competitors will make their own arrangements for tiffin. The canteen will be in attendance.

Dress:—Uniform. Musketry Order. Helmets to be worn when firing.

Entries to be sent in by Tuesday, April 8.

Officers I/C Firing points: Friday, 18th April. Morning: Lieut. A. H. Potts. 2/Lieut. L. F. Nicholson. Afternoon: 2/Lieut. D. M. Richards. 2/Lieut. H. C. Williams.

Saturday, 19th April. Morning: Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E. 2/Lieut. J. H. Bottomley. Afternoon: Captain E. J. R. Mitchell.

Machine Gun Course.

O. C. Coys. are reminded that Part 1 M. Gun Course should be fired on Kennedy Road Range during the early part of the year.

Addresses.

All Volunteers are requested to notify the Adjutant on the proforma provided of their address.

Officers' Mess Meeting.

An Officers' Mess Meeting will be held at Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd April, 1930.

Dress.

Summer Mess Dress will be taken into wear with effect from Saturday, 5th April.

Corps Band.

There will be no further Band Practices until the end of April, but all Members are asked to carry on individual practice during this period.

Battery.

There will be no parade on April 18. Rifle Meeting. April 18, and April 19. (Good Friday and Saturday).

Dress:—Helmet, tunic, shorts, puttees rolled downwards, belt, bayonet, bandolier and rifle. Members taking part are requested to note the day and time they must attend at Stonecutters for the meeting and also the time launches leave.

Engineer Company.

The training camp at Lyemun for week-end April 11th/12th has been cancelled. See notice sent to all members.

Corps Signals.

Signal class will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17.

Machine Gun Troop.

Parade on Thursday, April 17, at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Machine Gun instruction.

Armoured Car Company.

Armoured Car Section. Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 11th April for instructional ride.

Motor Cycle Section. Parade at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, 11th April for Kennedy Road Range. M.G. Part I.

Machine Gun Company.

Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. in mufti for musketry on Tuesday, 15th April. Trained men at Kennedy Road and Recruits at Miniature Range.

Scottish Company.

Parades Thursday, 17th April, 1930 for Machine Gun instruction.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth.

Attention of Competitors is drawn to Corps Order No. 14/30 paragraph 2 of 3rd April, 1930 in which time table of Corps Rifle meeting is detailed.

Portuguese Company.

Parades. The Company will parade on Friday, April 25th, 1930 as under: Recruits at Headquarters for Lewis Gun Training.

Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons. Kennedy Road Range for Rifle practice.

Nos. 11 and 12. Miniature Range for Musketry.

There will be no parades on Friday, April 18, 1930.

All N.C. Os. are requested to attend the parade on Friday, April 11th for meeting after the parade.

Marksmen.

The following have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badges for one year: No. 1499 Pte. J. D. A. Hutchison, Armoured Car Coy, 97 points.

Captain A. M. Thornhill, Reserve Company 93 points.

Appointment and Promotion.

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Struck off the Strength.

Having left the Colony.

No. 540 Pte. W. Beveridge, Armoured Car Coy, as from 22. 10. 29.

No. 621 Pte. H. J. Best, Reserve Coy., as from 12. 4. 30.

Completed 3 years Service.

No. 1252 Pte. R. J. Goodman, No. 6 Platoon, as from 28. 3. 30.

Permitted to resign.

No. 613 Pte. P. Morrison, No. 7 Platoon, as from 4. 11. 29.

Strength.

The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1560 Pte. S. Greenwood, No. 7 Platoon, as from 2. 4. 30.

No. 1561 Pte. G. W. L. Cole, Battery, as from 4. 4. 30.

No. 1562 Pte. W. C. Low, Battery, as from 4. 4. 30.

No. 1563 Pte. A. C. da Cruz, No. 9 Platoon, as from 4. 4. 30.

No. 1564 Pte. J. Lamond, Battery, as from 8. 4. 30.

Leave.

No. 847 C.S.M. C.R. Wilson, Armoured Car Coy, Car Section, from 1. 4. 30 to 31. 3. 31.

Pte. E. Himsforth, Armoured Car Coy, Car Section, from 1. 4. 30 to 1. 6. 30.

No. 1086 L/Cpl. W. L. Alexander, No. 7 Platoon, from 14. 4. 30 to 30. 10. 30.

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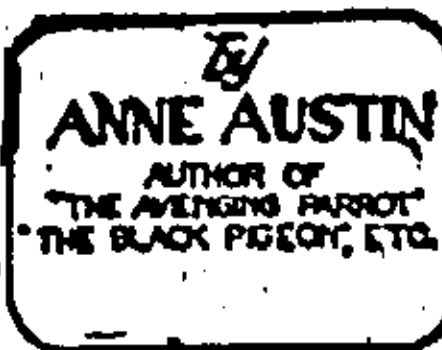


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Murder Backstairs



CHAPTER XVI

After Captain Strawn had given his orders to Wickett he joined Dundee in the third floor hall.

"Before we take a look at that tower room, I'd like to have a sniff at the shoes young Dick was wearing last night," he said. "As I said before, the guy that croaked that perfume bottle over the girl's head is pretty sure to have got his shoes spattered with the stuff. Stepped in it, too, probably."

"Through here, chief," Dundee suggested, leading the way into his own room and thence into the connecting bath. "It was mighty decent of you to let me question Mrs. Berkeley and Dick, but I want you to know I'll be glad to play dumb any time you say the word."

"That's all right, boy," Strawn answered heartily. "You're doing a good job so far. George Berkeley is a mighty big man in this town and I don't want to antagonize him any more than I can help. If you forget anything I'll butt in. Don't you worry! I'm sure, Swell room the kid's got! Wonder if he was lying when he said he wanted to marry the girl? His parents would have kicked him out, of course, and he knew it."

"I think he was really in love with her, though who knows what his loved him into?" Dundee answered thoughtfully. "Well, here's his dressing room. And these seem to be the shoes he was wearing last night."

Strawn took the fine, custom-made pair of black dress shoes and sniffed them, walking away from the dressing room to do so, for the odor of *Fleur d'Amour* was strong in there.

"Can't smell anything but shoe polish," he admitted. "Now let's see the suit he was wearing last night. ... Tuxedo, huh? Plenty of the stuff on this, all right. Do you think the kid sister splashed much of the perfume on Dick?"

"She anointed us all pretty thoroughly," Dundee answered ruefully. "My own Tux will have to go to the cleaner before I can wear it again."

"Why did she do it? Pure tussledness?" Strawn wondered. "I don't know. She's a wild little colt, but—"

"Another mystery, eh? Well, I guess that'll wait. These trousers don't seem to have any of the perfume on them. Let's get along to the tower room."

It was a little circular room, two-thirds windows, which were draped with faded red velvet. The furniture seemed to be a collection of odds and ends, discarded, perhaps, during one of Abbie Berkeley's rages of re-decoration. There were two ancient armchairs, a worn rug, a book case filled with juvenile and detective fiction, and a broken-spring sofa, whose brown velvet cover lay in a huddle on the floor. A metal smoking stand stood at the head of the sofa, and in it lay the tamped-out butts of seven cigarettes.

"I'll have our chemist look these over and tell me approximately how old they are, though I don't suppose it matters a whole lot," Strawn said, as he emptied the ash tray into an old envelope from his own pocket. "The boy could have snaked up here after the murder and done a furious lot of smoking then, to quiet his nerves. We have only his word for it that he was to meet the girl here. And even if he was, there was nothing to prevent his seeing her, from the window, as she went to the summerhouse to keep her appointment with Arnold—not knowing he wasn't going to meet her. Afterwards, this room might have appealed to him as a good temporary hiding place. What are you shaking your head about?"

"I still can't see, for the life of me, the perfume flask fits in anywhere!" Dundee answered. "Besides, as I said, I think Dick was really in love with the girl."

"And he was drunk! Don't forget that! Many a man has liquoried himself up to a state where he'd rather kill a girl than see any other man have her. But there's no use theorizing yet. Let's get back to the old lady. ... Lord! What a woman!" he added, with profound disgust. "Now if it was her that was murdered—"

Dundee grinned his full agreement, then, with an exclamation, bent to pick up a book that had fallen, open and face down, near the head of the couch. It was Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles."

"Looks as if Dick was telling the truth about his reading, at any rate," he observed, as he turned through the pages of the first third of the book. "At least, it seems that he made a stab at reading to pass the time, but his mind was pretty well occupied with something else. See?" and he pointed to page 54, on the margin of which was scribbled in pencil, "Doris. Doris. Doris. Elaine Matthews. Doris Berkeley. Mrs. Richard Radcliffe."

"Might be a plant," Strawn growled. "The kid had all the rest of the night to think up a story and ways to make it sound good."

"I hardly think Dick is quite that clever," Dundee objected. "And if this marginal scribbling can be taken at its face value, we have definite confirmation of his intention to ask her to marry him."

"All right. We'll take it along. ... Nothing else? Then let's go."

When the two men reached the second floor landing of the marble stairs they found Detective Clemmons awaiting them, a small wet bundle held gingerly in his cupped palms.

"The apron, eh? Good! Where did Collins find it?"

"In the lake, near the summer-house, sir."

"Dropped off the bottom step, just as the body was, so it would make no splash that could be heard from the house," Strawn commented, as he accepted it. "That'll do now, Clemmons. How's everything downstairs?"

"Everything quiet now, sir, though Cain had to call for Harper a few minutes ago to help him keep Arnold from busting out of the servants' sitting room. He wanted to come up here and make you tell him what's wrong."

When Clemmons had departed Strawn took the wet bundle to a bench against the wall of the second-floor hall, and regardless of the fine *petit point* upholstery, spread the contents. Among the fragments, large and small, of the broken crystal flask he found a little silver vanity case, marked with the initials "D. M."

"No letter," Strawn observed with satisfaction, as he looked into the little pocket of the lace and lawn apron. "Looks as if she didn't get Arnold's note, telling her he couldn't meet her, and went out to keep the appointment. It may be in her room, of course, but we'll let that slide till we've finished with Mrs. Berkeley. Can't do everything at once. I've got a man standing guard at the top of the backstairs in the third floor hall, so her room's safe from meddlers."

"May I see that, Chief?" Dundee asked, with strange excitement, and reached for the vanity case.

"Want to see what kind of lipstick a blonde uses?" Strawn asked as he snapped open the mirrored lid.

"Yes!" And he evidently did, for he squinted very thoughtfully at the bright red lipstick it contained.

They found that Mrs. Berkeley had taken advantage of their absence to rise, wrap her plump body in a maribou-trimmed negligee of orchid chiffon, and dispose herself in a nest of lace-trimmed silk pillows on the *chaise longue*. Her breakfast tray was beside her, and both she and her husband, who was seated at her feet, were drinking coffee. The toast, eggs and fruit seemed to have been untouched.

"You found that every word Dick said was true, didn't you?" she demanded triumphantly of Captain Strawn.

Without replying, the detective signalled to Dundee to get ready to continue the questioning.

When he was seated near the woman, with pencil poised above the pad of notepaper, Dundee asked: "Mrs. Berkeley, when did you last see Doris Matthews?"

"I did not see her at all after I went down for dinner," she stated positively. "Doris helped me dress. Dinner was at half-past seven and I left this room about 7:15. I never saw her again."

George Berkeley looked at his wife as if surprised or startled, seemed about to speak, then clamped his lips firmly together.

Dundee saw, but was not yet ready to challenge Mrs. Berkeley's truthfulness. Her lie concerning Dick's promise not to press his attentions upon Doris had already given him ample indication of what to expect.

"Was it then that you told Doris she need not wait up to help you get ready for bed?" he asked.

"Why, yes. I am always careful to spare my servants as much as possible," she said virtuously. "Doris had been extremely busy yesterday and to-day was to be a heavy day for all of us, so I wanted her to get as much sleep as possible."

"And of course, since you were very much annoyed with Doris, because of Dick and Arnold, you were in no mood to see any more of her than was necessary," Dundee agreed, disarmingly. "Now, Mrs. Berkeley, will you please tell me where you made up your face before dressing for dinner?"

She looked blank, then bridled indignantly. "Really, Mr. Dundee! Well, if you must know, Doris gave me a quick facial massage at my dressing-table in the bathroom,

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and applied cosmetics there, too. But I really can't see—

"The mirror above the bathroom dressing table was spotted then?" he persisted, heedless of her anger. "Why, certainly it was! My servants—"

Mrs. Berkeley, did you by any chance so approve of your appearance after Doris had finished her work that you leaned toward the mirror and kissed your own reflection?"

(To Be Continued)

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1400 n.
Chartered Bank, \$181 b.
Mercantile A. & B., £30 n.
East Asia \$109 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$815 b.
Union Ins., \$445 s.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$1.50 b.
China Fire, \$355 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$900 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$221 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$261 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Dof.) \$60 s.
Union Waterboats \$26 b.

Mining.
Bonguets, \$670 b.
Kailans, 53/9 s.
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raubs, \$20 b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$152 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$371 s.
China Providents \$3.40 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 230 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 8. b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 128 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.50 s.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 80 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.90 s.
H. K. Lands, \$73 s.
S'hai Lands Tls. 245 b.
Humphreys, \$14- n.
Realities, \$3.80 s.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$21.80 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$11.65 n.
Star Ferries, \$72 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$23. sa.
H. K. Electric, \$711 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones \$131 b.
China Buses, Tls. 19. b.
Singapore Tractions, 10/- s.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 8/ cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald. Mac. Ord. Tls. 10 n.
Canton Teas, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$16. s.
Ropes \$7.35 b.
United Asbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$23. b.
Watsons, \$10.80 s.
Der A. Wings, 80 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$2.50 b.
Mackintoshes, \$13 b.
Sinceres, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$301 sa.
Constructions, \$1.20 sa.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% s.
H. K. G. Loan 7% Prem. n.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

The report of the board of Directors to be presented at the eighth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, on Tuesday, April 22 next, at noon, states:

Your Directors herewith submit a statement of accounts and balance sheet for the year ended on the 31st December, 1929. After writing off \$62,827.43 for depreciation, which has been charged in the Working Account, the Profit and Loss Account for the year 1929 shows a debit balance of \$137,856.62. This, added to the debit balance at the end of 1928, namely, \$542,576.45, makes a total debit balance at the 31st December, 1929, of \$680,433.07, which it is proposed to carry forward.

Mr. R. G. Shewan resigned from the Board on the 31st December, 1929. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga acted for Sir Robert Ho Tung during the latter's absence from the Colony from 21st May, 1929, to 21st October, 1929. On Sir Robert Ho Tung's return to the Colony the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga was invited to a seat on the board in his own right. This appointment requires confirmation by the shareholders.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., and Mr. J. T. Bagram retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The accounts for the year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Future Prospects.
It is also announced that a private meeting of shareholders will be held immediately after the ordinary yearly meeting to discuss the future prospects of the company.

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J. DONALDSON, Acting Manager.

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(£6,400,000.)
Reserve Fund Guilder 40,000,000.
(£3,200,000.)

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P. M. ELBERG, Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1929.

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H. MORI, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th September, 1929.

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Silver \$5,500,000
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BOXING AT THE CITY HALL.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW.

FRASER'S RECORD.

While principal interest in the boxing tournament to-morrow night will centre in the 15 round bout between A. B. Rowles and Marine Smith for the heavyweight championship of the Colony and belt, more than average interest attaches to the ten round contest between Marine Fraser of the Tamar and A. B. Lee of H.M.S. Sepoy.

This will be Fraser's last appearance in Hongkong as he will leave for Home shortly in H.M.S. Vindictive when she brings relief out for the China Station. Fraser has taken part in twelve contests and has only met with two reverses. He is a neat and clever boxer and has to his credit the defeat of the American, Whitey Roberts, for the welterweight belt and title. He has been training for his bout to-morrow at the Victoria Recreation Club where Rowles has also been going through his work outs.

Lee, Fraser's opponent, won the welterweight competition at the Royal Naval Theatre and beat Kid Campbell at the first tournament arranged by the Hongkong Boxing Association this season. All indications point to to-morrow's tournament being one of the best organised by the Association and it is confidently expected that there will be a large attendance.

GARRISON NEWS.

R.A. AND R.A.M.C. SPORTS MEETINGS.

The most was made yesterday afternoon of the limited ground-space at the Military Hospital, when the R.A.M.C. small company as it is held quite an interesting sports meeting. Track events were practically out of the question, so that the greater number were of the field and gymkhana variety.

A mile race along Bowen Road and finishing on the tennis-court—a very strenuous finish—returned Pte. Strangely a good but weary winner. Ptes. Nicholson and Smith came in second and third respectively. Pte. Goodman did very well in the long jump, getting 17 feet 2 ins. eleven inches farther than the next best, and he won the high jump moderately easily. Nicholson and Smith retiring at 4 feet 6 ins.

Pte. Davies won the putting the shot, and the tug-of-war and relay race were won by No. 2 Team.

Gymkhana events resulted in Sgts. Anderson and Wicks getting home rather easily in the wheelbarrow race, and a balloon race, which caused much merriment, was won by Pte. Roberts, with Pte. Barber second. A welcome tea interval, and more gymkhana events, closed the programme, and then the Assistant Director of Medical Services, China Command (Lieut-Col. C. D. Myles, O.B.E.), presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up. Practically all R.A.M.C. officers in the Colony were present, and expressed their appreciation of a pleasant afternoon. The organisation of the sports and most of their success was due to the hard work and keenness of Cpl. Knight, for whom three cheers were given at the conclusion of those for the A.D.M.S.

R.A. Sports.

The three Batteries of the Royal Artillery in the Colony are holding their annual athletic sports meeting on Monday and Tuesday next. Monday's events will consist of heats, with the exception of the three miles, the final of which will be run on Monday. On Tuesday there are twenty-two events in all, and it is certain that track races will be in progress at the same time as field events.

Individual winners of events, in addition to being awarded prizes, will have points scored for the battery to which they belong, to count towards the Aggregate Cup, though any one man may not obtain more than three individual prizes in all. There will be a one mile open relay race, open to the Royal Navy, Garrison Units (British and Indian), including the H.K.V.D.C., and the Hong Kong Police. The Band of the 1st Bn. Somerset Light Infantry, by kind permission of the Commanding and other Officers will be in attendance. The events will be held at Sookun-poo, commencing at 3 p.m. on Monday, and at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Tennis Match.

A team of Senior Ranks from the R.A.P.C. and R.A.O.C. played the Wireless Staff, Stonecutters, yesterday afternoon, the soldiers winning by twelve sets to four. The Army team was composed of S. B. M. Carter and Atkinson, Sub-Conductor Mitchell and Sgt. Spence, Sgts. Troops Ormerod and Evans, and S.Q.M.S. Matthews. Atkinson and Carter won

TENNIS TOURNEY.

CHAMPION BEATEN BY E. C. FINCHER.

Honda's opponent in the final of the tennis championship on Monday afternoon will be E. C. Fincher, the Kowloon C. C. player, who, yesterday, accomplished a very fine performance by defeating M. W. Lo, the holder, in the semi-final round, 6-4, 6-1, 6-8, 6-2. This is the first occasion that Fincher has succeeded in reaching the final stage of the championship, and he has well-deserved that success. Throughout the current tournament he has displayed consistent form, and has won through entirely on his merits.

His defeat of the holder yesterday, provided no great surprise, for it has been generally recognised that whereas Fincher has revealed a steady improvement, Lo has fallen rather short of his exhibitions of last year, and has appeared to lack confidence. He was definitely outplayed yesterday, although one must recognise his gallant attempt to retrieve a more or less hopeless position, by winning the third set, after being forced to concede the first two.

Fincher made all his strokes thoughtfully and refused to allow himself to be hurried. He chopped the ball with unerring accuracy on both hands, and throughout the game, excelled himself at the net, where he brought off some magnificent angle volleys.

Lo's best effort came in the third set, where Fincher was leading 5-3 and had reached match point. He made a mistake over a simple return, however, and Lo, taking his chance, forced the issue to finally capture the set at 8-6. It called for a great physical effort, and "M.W." was obviously suffering from its effects in the fourth set, for he could make no sort of fight afterwards.

The Handicap Doubles semi-finals were decided yesterday, when D. S. and S. E. Green and J. D. Humphreys and R. H. Wilds qualified to meet each other in the final, which is arranged for this afternoon.

Doubles Semi-final.

The most youthful combination in the tournament will be in action on the stand court this afternoon, when J. A. E. Cassumbhoy and C. A. L. Rumjahn will meet H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn in the doubles semi-final. "H. D. and S. A." have the record of being champions for the last five years, and have already proved that they are playing as well as ever. There should be little doubt of another win today, yet one must not lose sight of the fact that they are pitted against a couple who have proved themselves magnificent fighters and brilliant players. It should be one of the best matches of the year.

To-day's full programme is as follows: Open Championship Doubles (semi-final)—H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn v. J. A. E. Cassumbhoy and C. A. L. Rumjahn (stand court, 4 p.m.). Handicap Doubles (final)—D. S. and S. E. Green v. J. D. Humphreys and R. H. Wilds (4.30 p.m.). Handicap Singles "A" (semi-finals)—L. Forster v. P. W. J. Planner; Dean Swann v. H. Owen Hughes.

all their four sets, as did O. merod and Evans. The Wireless Staff team was composed of Myers and Campion, Crossman and Berry, Young and Elliott, Greening and Blackwood.

Army Football.

Enthusiastic footballers from the Royal Engineers and the Royal Signals played a game at Sookun-poo yesterday afternoon. The combined R.E. and R.S. team, which played in the Hongkong Area Football League, has been split up into its two Corps with the move of the Signals to Kowloon, and yesterday's was a "Derby" to decide the better side.

The Engineers won easily by seven goals to two, though it must be added that they have been strengthened by the more or less recent arrival of players from Home. Teams: R.E.—Brewer; Sabin; Meehan; Leslie; Grosvenor; Fretwell; Penwill; Dolling; Himbury; Morgan; Deavall. R.S.—Earle; Perry; Perry; Rennie; Gillett; Cotton; Brennan; Chaffey; Taylor; Brice; Higgins.

Navy Football.

Bridgewater defeated Somme at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, scoring twice without reply. Teams: Bridgewater—Richards; Smith; Shand; Gilbert; Robertson; Vaughan; Batty; Bennett; Wyatt; Potter; Trotter. Somme—Tubbs; Matthews; Dean; Cummings; Bycroft; Dunford; Bertram; Thornton; Busby; Ball; Farrington.

ALL-CHINA SPORT.

SHANGHAI'S SUCCESS AT HANGCHOW MEETING.

Hangchow, Apr. 9. Huge crowds continue to attend the all-China Sports Meeting which will come to a conclusion to-morrow. On the seventh day of the meeting the Shanghai Woman's Volley Ball team defeated the Tientsin team, thus gaining the right to play the final match against the Canton team, which has not been defeated so far. The Shanghai Football team have done particularly well so far and on the seventh day had an easy victory over the Cantonese players, winning the match by scoring five goals to nil. The final was played off this afternoon between Shanghai and Nanking, when the former had another easy win by ten goals to one. Hongkong Defeated.

The Hongkong Basketball team, which had hitherto been successful, was defeated in the semi-final, after a close match of 17-15. Hongkong losing only four points. In the other Basketball final, the Tientsin team defeated the Peking team by scoring 46 goals against the latter's 33. The Basketball final will be decided to-morrow between Shanghai and Tientsin.

A Shanghai Victory.

On the whole, the Shanghai contestants have done exceedingly well during the last few days of the meeting, and, in the series of tennis matches played this afternoon, the Woman's Singles also went to Shanghai, when Miss Li Lin defeated Miss Leung Pei-yi of Tientsin, thus winning the Championship. In the Men's Doubles semi-final, the Hongkong tennis players defeated the Nanking representatives, while Canton had a victory over the Shanghai players. The finals will be played to-morrow.

Baseball.

As regards baseball latest reports record the victory of the baseball team representing Hongkong in the final match of their series, thus capturing the championship from their northern rivals. No scores or details of the game are given. The baseball team was scheduled to meet Tientsin, which team defeated the strong Shanghai combination in the elimination contests, and from its impressive showing in that game was expected to win.

LOCAL RADIO.

A STUDIO CONCERT FOR TO-NIGHT.

The programme by ZBW, on 355 metres, is as follows:— 8.00-8.30 p.m. European programme of Columbia records by courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Company.

8.30-9.00 p.m. Children's programme. 9.00-9.30 p.m. Chinese programme. 9.30-10.00 p.m. Lesson in Cantonese by Rev. H. R. Wells. 10.00-10.30 p.m. Experimental programme.

9.00 p.m. Weather report. Studio Concert relayed from Studio Programme.

1. Piano Solo: (a) Fugue in D (Bach) (b) Frühlingsrauschen (Sinding). Madame H. K. Dinnen, L. R. A. M.
2. Songs: (a) Homeland (b) Selected. Mr. W. Noise (Bass).
3. Violin Solo: "Adagio," from Concerto Romantique (Benjamin Godard). Mrs. H. Balean.
4. Songs: (a) Love Could Only Tell Thee (Capel). (b) Passing By (Purcell). Mr. Wright, Baritone.
5. Songs: (a) Happy Song (Del Rio). (b) To A Wild Rose (Mac Dowell). Miss R. Mow Fung, Soprano. Interval (News Bulletin).
1. Violin Solo: "Cantzonetta," from Concerto Romantique (Benjamin Godard). Mrs. H. Balean.
2. Songs: Echo (Lord Henry Somerset) Take A Pair of Sparkling Eyes (Sullivan). Mr. Wright.
2. Piano Solos: (a) "Andante," from Sonata in D. Op. 28, (Beethoven). (b) "Nautilus," (MacDowell). Madame H. K. Dinnen, L. R. A. M.
4. Songs: (a) Nightingale (Delius). (b) Evening. (Korling). Miss R. Mow Fung.
5. (a) A Chip of The Old Block (b) Selected. Mr. W. Noise. At the Piano: Mrs. G. Griggs and Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L. God Save The King. 10.30 p.m. Close down.

MOTHER AND LOST SON.

BOY WHO FELL FOUL OF THE POLICE.

A Chinese schoolboy appeared before Mr. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of stealing a Chinese novel from a bookstall in Hollywood Road. S. I. McLaren said that the lad went into the shop, took up the book which he hid underneath his coat, and ran out of the shop. The complainant was not present in Court, but defendant's sister and mother appeared. To the latter, Mr. Grantham said: I suppose you have settled it with the complainant?

The woman replied in the negative and said she had come to make a report about the disappearance of her son (the defendant).

S. I. McLaren said that the mother came to the Police Station last night and made the report. The boy was discharged by his Worship.

that his client was in Canton on his firm's business. His Worship asked if the case was really one which required to be taken into Court for settlement. Mr. d'Almada replied that he himself had not yet seen the defendant, but as soon as he returned he would see what could be done. The summons was adjourned till next Thursday.

Mention was made before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, of a summons for maintenance taken out by Mrs. Tansley (Chan Sheung) against her husband, Mr. W. Tansley, of 52, Pak Tai Street, who was accused of persistent ill-treatment. The summons was put over until next week.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Jr., appeared for the defendant and intimated

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NANKING STUDENT OUTBREAK.**RUMOURS OF LANDING OF BRITISH SAILORS.****AFFAIR FIZZLES OUT.**

Nanking, Apr. 6. The trouble caused by the student demonstration against the British firm, the International Export Corporation, which started on Thursday and threatened to develop into a riot of serious proportions, has been settled.

As is usual in such cases the wildest rumours were circulated when excitement was at its height. It was freely stated in the streets that British marines had been landed from H.M.S. Cornwall and that six workers had been killed. These reports, although absolutely baseless, incensed the crowd and it was only the firm stand taken by the authorities which prevented widespread damage from being done and possible lives from being lost.

The International Export Corporation suspended operations some time ago on account of military disturbances north of the river. When it was re-opened on April 3, the Corporation could only take on 200 workers as compared with the 2,000 required when the season is in full swing.

Student Intervention.

The rejected workers from the factory gathered in front of the factory gates and mobbed the 200 men who had been re-engaged. Four of these were injured, one seriously.

The news that there was a labour riot at the factory spread like wildfire and the students of the Central University and the Nanking University held a mass meeting the following day and passed resolutions supporting the unemployed workers. They decided to march together to the factory on Saturday and to stage a demonstration there.

General Chiang Kai-shek, however, issued instructions that no student was permitted to leave the city. The Export Corporation is located at Hsiakuan, outside the city wall and all the city gates were heavily guarded with police and soldiers. The danger lay in the possibility that the students, influenced by red elements, might come into conflict with the guards at the gates. This danger, however, was fortunately avoided.

TATSUTA MARU IN PORT.**MAGNIFICENT SHIP ON MAIDEN VOYAGE.**

The latest of the N.Y.K.'s motor liners, the Tatsuta Maru, arrived in port on her maiden voyage this morning and attracted much attention as she came to her buoy in the central fairway.

The Tatsuta Maru, one of the three largest and most magnificent motor-ships ever built in Japan and appointed to be run on the N.Y.K.'s Orient-California Service, was ordered from the famous Mitsubishi Dockyard in Nagasaki. The construction work was started in December, 1927 and the launching took place on April 12th last year.

The liner has a displacement of 22,000 tons and the gross tonnage of 16,974 tons. Her length is 584 feet, beam 72 feet, depth 42.6 feet. The Tatsuta Maru is equipped with four sets of Sulzer Diesel engines capable of developing 19,600 S.H.P. in total and a speed of 21 knots. The passenger accommodation comprises 239 first class, 96 second class, and 504 steerage class.

In planning the construction of the liner and her sister ships, comfort, speed and safety have been the foremost thought of the Company. All the latest devices, for assuring the security and stability of the ship and the safety of passengers are included in the equipment.

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Another special feature of the new liner is the magnificence and

CANTON'S MAYOR RETURNS.**THINKS NORTHERN REBELLION WILL SOON END.****MUKDEN LOYALTY.**

Canton, Apr. 10. Mr. Lam Wen-koi, the Mayor of Canton, has returned to the city after an absence of close upon two months. Mr. Lam went North in the middle of February as one of the Delegates of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung at the Third Plenary Session of the Kuomintang which opened at Nanking on the 1st March.

From Nanking, Mr. Lam was sent North on Official business for the Central Government. He visited Liao-ning (Teking), Tsing-tao and Shen-yang (Mukden), and was much impressed with the prospects of development in Manchuria.

Mr. Lam is convinced that General Chang Hsueh-liang and the Manchurian authorities are absolutely loyal to Nanking and will assist the Central Government in the suppression of the rebellious Kuominchun. He further states that there is considerable dissension between General Feng Yu-hsiang and General Yen Hsi-shen and that the alliance is not likely to last long. According to Mr. Lam, the Central authorities have the situation well in hand and should have no difficulty in suppressing the rebellion.

On the return of the Mayor from Nanking, Mr. Luk Yau-kwong, Director of the Municipal Bureau of Education, left for Nanking to attend the Educational Congress which is to open in the capital on the 15th April. Mr. Lau Hing-pang, Chief Secretary to the Bureau of Education, will be acting in charge during the absence of Mr. Luk Yau-kwong, who expects to be away from Canton only for about three weeks. Our Own Correspondent.

REVOLT AGAINST NANKING.

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ching, has returned to Nanking after attending the national athletic meet at Hangchow.

It is understood that he has postponed his departure to Hangchow as he wishes to attend the national Boys Scouts review on April 18, in which five thousand Boys Scouts are expected to participate.

Kiangsu-Honan Border.

The situation on the Kiangsu-Honan border is quiet. The Honanese hold Kweteh and show no inclination to advance.

The Central Executive Committee has issued an appeal to the Shansi troops to rally to the support of the Central Government, recalling "their meritorious services during the northern punitive expedition."

The Kuomin news agency continues to carry messages from North China asserting that dissensions are rife between Yen Hsi-shan, Feng Yu-hsiang, the Western Hills clique and the reorganisations. —Reuter.

NAVAL CONFERENCE AGREEMENT.

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save the Five Power Naval Conference as such.

It was learned from American sources that draft proposals have been submitted by Messrs. Stimson, Morrow and Gibson to Mr. Briand and Signor Grandi for a Five-Power Treaty, of which a Three-Power pact would form a part.

The Treaty would be divided into three parts. In the first place it would provide for a capital ship holiday, a speeding up in scrapping, an extension of the Washington clauses regarding aircraft carriers from 10,000 tons or more to smaller ships. Also, a categorical global tonnage compromise would be agreed regarding special and exempt ships.

The second part of the Treaty would be on the humanisation of submarines and the third part would be the Three-Power Agreement. The first and second parts of the proposed Treaty would be signed by all the Five Powers and the last part by Britain, America and Japan only.—Reuter.

beauty of its public rooms, for they exhibit complete modernity in appointment combined with exquisite taste, as manifested in the decorations representing various periods famed for their elegance and splendour in architectural and artistic accomplishment. The decorative work and furniture in these rooms are executed and supplied by the well-known house of Waring & Gillow of London.

A YOUNG THIEF'S STORY.**STOLE TO GET MONEY FOR SICK SISTER.****THEN BOUGHT WATCH.**

When a young Chinese was charged before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court, this morning with stealing a travelling rug and various pieces of clothing from Mrs. Rahina, a midwife living at Belcher's Street, and other articles from a carpenter at Des Voeux Road West by whom he was employed, it was stated by the police that with the proceeds derived from pawning the stolen property, the defendant bought for himself a gold wrist watch.

Defendant endeavoured to convince the Court that he was suddenly recalled to the country by a sister who had fallen dangerously ill, and pleaded that he stole to find some money for her.

"And yet you bought this gold watch?" his Worship pointed out. "Inspector Bloor:—He told me he spent the money he got for these things in gambling."

His Worship (to defendant):—You have been gambling; that is what it is? How old are you? Defendant:—17 years.

His Worship:—You appear to be under 16. You will have six strokes on each charge, or 12 in all. The watch will be returned to the original complainant because it was bought out of the proceeds from her property.

PETTY LARCENY ON WATERFRONT.**CHINESE THROWS JACKET IN THE HARBOUR.**

A sentence of five months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who was charged with stealing a jacket containing \$1.30 in money and documents belonging to an engineer of the steam launch Seagull, lying alongside three lighters at Kowloon godowns.

It was stated by Detective Sergeant Kellett that the defendant went on board the launch at 8 o'clock last night and was seen leaving with a jacket which he had taken from the engine room. He was chased, and in running away threw the jacket with his contents into the harbour. He was arrested, but the jacket was not recovered.

It was pointed out that there was quite a lot of petty larceny on the water front.

The defendant had a previous conviction for larceny, having only recently been discharged from gaol.

CRICKET.**INDIAN R. C. TO MEET CRAIGENOWER.**

The following will represent the Indian R. C. 1st XI. in a League match against the Craigenower C. C. on the I.R.C. ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, A. el Areulli, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, J. S. A. Curreen, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. M. Rumjahn and B. R. Ernee.



The young lady who took a job because she didn't like housework.

THIS CURRENCY.**HOW THE MAN-IN-THE STREET SEES IT.**

(By "Cynicus.")

The mind of "the man in the street" may be a deplorably ignorant mind in a general sense, but it unquestionably is an inquisitive mind. In the matter of exchange, it is a particularly inquisitive mind, and for the last few months it has been trying to grapple with a problem which has completely baffled it. "Why should the market price of silver knock twenty-five per cent. off the purchasing power of local currency, and, what is more, to the point, twenty-five per cent. off the sterling value of the man in the street's hard-earned savings?"

What has happened to six-pence in every dollar since the dollar crashed? Somebody has got it, and the question which seemingly cannot be answered is—who?

The people who deal in dollars as a grocer does sugar, wisely assert that the value of the Hongkong or Mexican dollar has fallen in sympathy with the price of silver which is the basis of China's currency. And there they leave it!

Assuming that I am in a country where the currency is on a gold basis, I find no difficulty in negotiating gold. That much will surely be admitted. If I penetrate into the hinterland of China—an allegedly silver basis country, and try to sell my cigarettes, piece goods or other merchandise, or to purchase China products with silver, am I successful? Not on your life! I find that it is necessary for me to carry a few hundredweight of copper cash as the medium of barter. In other words, I have to transact my business in the currency of the country. Certainly not silver.

Last October, the Hongkong paper money was at a premium in any part of China, roughly sixteen per cent. over the supposed price of silver. It is such a notorious fact that China is simply flooded with paper money that has no backing, that the British prestige and integrity at the back of our money, gave it a rightfully inflated value. Did a sudden crash in the price of the world's silver remove the reason for that premium? The man in the street fails to see how it could. Of course, he's an utter fool! Nevertheless, the fact remains that somebody has sacrificed the goodwill value of British money as represented by Hongkong currency, and what is the tragic aspect of the problem, is, that somebody has benefited by the substitution of grossly cheapened metal for our good name, in place of a piece of paper actually in demand and bought at 25% more because of the good name at the back of it.

It surely cannot matter one iota what the price of silver is at the mines. If it doesn't pay to work it, why should we have to make it pay, or why should we be compelled to suffer heavy loss just because silver has proved an unworkable and unprofitable commercial proposition? After all, if there is a glut of the metal, that is surely the fault of the fools working it! The de Beers people found a more practical system to control the price of diamonds. We have seen the price of rubber regulated by controlling output, surely the same can be done with silver. Our wisacres say no! Apparently they are willing to see our currency crash down to alarming depths just from the humanitarian motive of keeping men

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Local listeners-in had opportunity last evening of listening to an interesting talk on cancer by Dr. Alexander Cannon, who spoke from the Hongkong broadcasting studio. Dr. Cannon spoke of the increasing death rate from cancer, of the fact that while the cancer is local and the growth accessible it is curable, and stressed the importance of early diagnosis and treatment.

at work in the silver mines! Otherwise, what on earth is their argument?

Does it seem possible that any real expert in the world-to-day would recommend a country to jeopardise its prosperity to the almost worthless basis of silver?

It doesn't surely matter whether our dollar is fixed at 1/6 or 2/- as long as it is fixed. It would at least then command the same respect from China that it commanded when it carried a premium of 16 2/3%! We were not then on a gold basis, but the fact remains that when we were to all intents and purposes on a paper basis, our paper was worth very much more than is that precious metal which we have suddenly been driven to.

There remains one fact in the mind of the man in the street, and that is that a few thousand dirty pieces of paper bearing the name of a Hongkong bank were worth 25% more to him than a cartload of silver, and yet, nobody can tell us why this should have happened. It may be that the banks run the Government, but why, remains one of the tantalising problems connected with the whole wretched matter. Another poser. If the silver dollar is regulated by the price of silver, why is it that the same old idiot in the street can get a better price from some banks than others? The variations have been as much as a penny in the dollar, which seems to indicate that either the price of bar silver has nothing to do with the matter, or that some banks are philanthropists. If we are really on a silver basis, surely a piece of silver fashioned in the form of a coin would be worth its intrinsic value in weight of that metal. The Hongkong dollar is not priced in accordance with the price per ounce of fine silver, plus the necessary minting and freight charges. Even now we are higher than Shanghai, which proves that silver has nothing to do with the matter, and that our unwieldy dollars are no more nor less than tokens. If they are tokens, their value can most certainly be fixed, although the great snag would be that somebody would be denied the privilege of gambling in our currency, hence the assertion that we must pin our financial standing to a country verging on bankruptcy. The man in the street, poor ignorant fool, doesn't believe that there was any justification for Hongkong's financial debacle, and so far, nobody has been able to convince him that there was.

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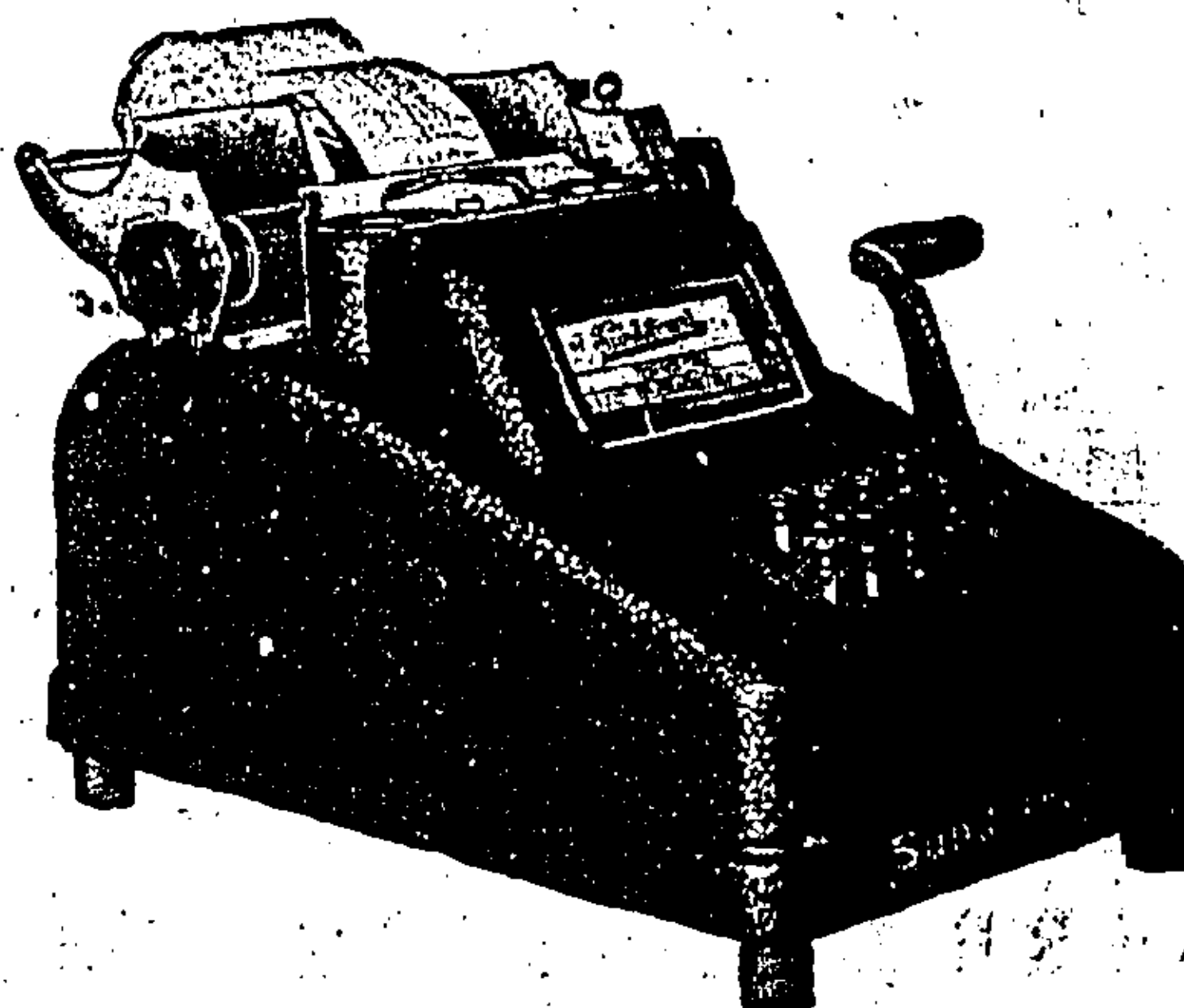
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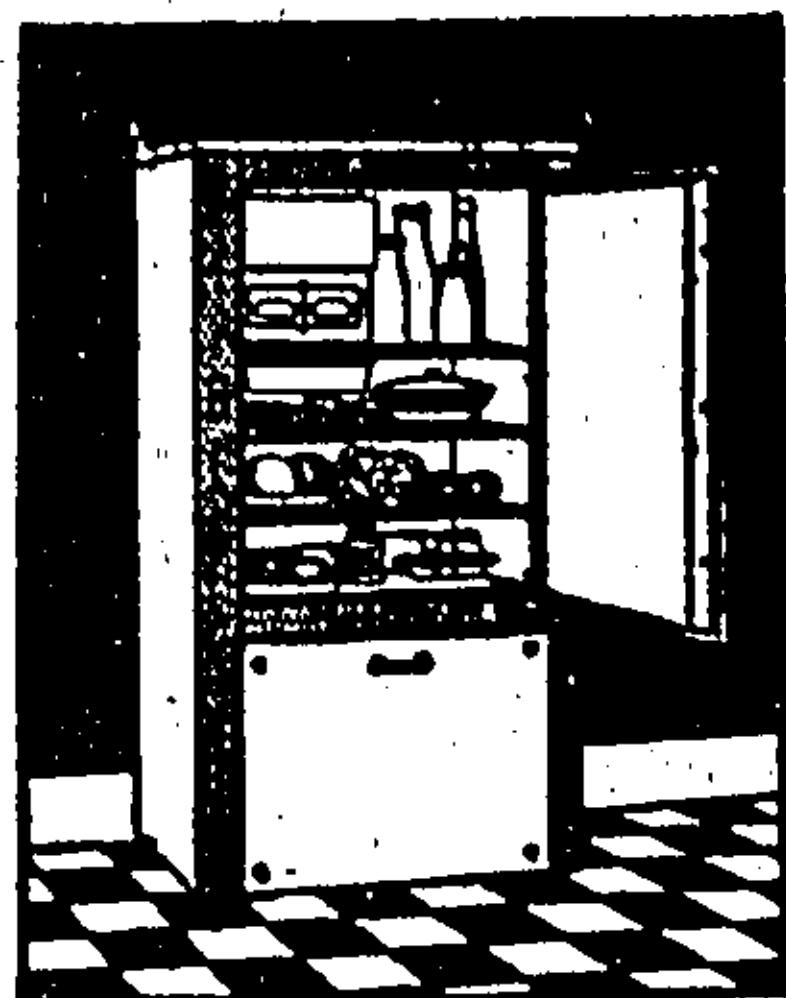
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AN APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY.

The public will learn with the utmost satisfaction that the local branch of the Navy League has decided to sponsor a general appeal to the community on behalf of the dependents of the men of the Royal Navy who lost their lives in the terrible tragedy which occurred aboard H.M.S. Sepoy outside Hongkong Harbour on Tuesday last. By itself setting aside a sum of £25 from its funds, the League's local branch has worthily started the movement, and we would commend to all sections of the community the appeal now made. The disaster is one of the very worst ever to have happened on the China Station, resulting, as it has, in the death of six gallant sailors, of whom three were married. On all hands, expressions of sincerely-felt sympathy are heard: the opportunity is now provided of demonstrating that sympathy in a practical manner.

Ever since Tuesday's disaster occurred, there has been a feeling prevalent that something should be done in Hongkong to help those who have been so terribly and so unexpectedly bereaved. The local branch of the Navy League has risen to the occasion well, and we feel that the Fund could not be launched under more appropriate auspices. In many ways, the League has striven to impress on the public its indebtedness to the officers and men of the Navy; what more fitting than that it should now take the lead here in Hongkong in an effort whereby the Colony may pay its tribute in a practical way to the memory of those who have lost their lives in the performance of their duties? Here in Hongkong, the headquarters of the China Station, we are, perhaps, at times apt to overlook all that we owe to the Navy. Year in and year out, we enjoy the protection which the presence of our naval men assures us, whilst Britons all over the East know from past experience what a ready help in time of need the British Navy is. The terrible disaster of Tuesday last serves to illustrate the grim possibilities that must always be associated with the life of naval men afloat: in time of peace, as in time of war, danger is ever present. Our gallant seamen leave port to carry out exercises; despite the strictest precautions, accidents are always liable to occur, and it may be, as in the case of the

Sepoy, that some who go forth in the full bloom of health, are brought back dead. Happily, such occurrences are rare, but, when they do happen, the risks run are brought forcefully home to us all. For those who have departed, we can do nothing, but we can and should come to the aid of those who have lost their breadwinners.

Those who support the appeal now made—and it is one which should find a ready response from every section of the community, no matter of what race—will have the comforting knowledge that not only are they in this way acknowledging in some small way the debt which the Colony owes to the Navy, but, what is of more immediate moment, will be assisting those who have lost husband, father and, in some cases no doubt, sons who were the support of their parents. No contribution to the Fund will be considered too small, and the quicker the response made, the more effective is the help likely to be. We earnestly commend the appeal to the public, believing that Hongkong will raise a sum sufficiently large as to be of real value in helping those who have suffered such heavy loss.

Anti-Piracy Guards.

That the shipping companies would accept the Government's proposals for the future supply of anti-piracy guards was a foregone conclusion, inasmuch as the Home Government put the interested concerns in a cleft stick and gave them no opportunity to do otherwise. It was stated in the House of Commons that the companies had agreed in principle, and this might be taken to mean that further discussion on detail might possibly bring some little reduction in the burden which the companies will now be called upon to carry. The whole cost of the scheme has to be borne by the companies and apparently, given no other choice short of the impossible one of dispensing with guards altogether, they have agreed to carry this burden. That guards are necessary will never be disputed until such time as the risk of piracy is banished entirely and the fact stands out that there has been no attempt to pirate any vessel carrying such a guard. Therefore, they must be maintained, but at considerable cost to the companies. While the Government might have been less exacting in its conditions for the supply of essential guards, it has come into line with the Dutch policy. Colonial guards are allowed by the Government concerned, but the cost is borne by the shipping companies themselves. The latter have had their reward in an entire freedom from piracy and no doubt consider that the cost to themselves has been more than justified. If there is a prevention for piracy, then it is the duty of the shipping companies to afford that protection to the passengers who use their steamers, to the officers and members of the crews, even though it entails considerable expenditure.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for week ended April 10th, 1909.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 8.7/4d.

The foundation-stone of the Taishatau station buildings, the Canton terminus of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, was laid, the ceremony attracting a large gathering from Hongkong and Canton. H.E. the Governor (Sir Frederick Lugard) was amongst the speakers.

Lady Lugard left for Home, consequent on a serious illness.

Mr. G. A. Caldwell was appointed acting Secretary of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., in succession to Mr. T. I. Rose, resigned.

"Lena Cottage," situate at 9, Seymour Road, was sold by auction to Mr. A. S. Gomes, jr., for \$20,600.

The Ben Line s.s. Benavörlich, from Singapore, is due here on the 16th instant.

DAY BY DAY.

HE THAT GOETH ABOUT TO PERSUADE A MULTITUDE THAT THEY ARE NOT SO WELL GOVERNED AS THEY OUGHT TO BE SHALL NEVER WANT ATTENTIVE AND FAVOURABLE HEARERS.—Hooker.

A gold wristlet watch, found at Repulse Bay Beach at about 4 p.m. on Wednesday, is at Police Headquarters awaiting a claimant.

Mr. C. F. Wade, Postmaster General of British North Borneo, arrived here on a health trip by the s.s. Mausang. He is staying at the Peak Hotel.

The mistress of a passenger boat was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning before the Hon. Commr. Hole for carrying cargo instead of passengers as stipulated in her licence.

A married woman living at 35 Pokfulam Road had her handbag snatched by a coolie who approached from behind as she was walking towards her home last night. The bag contained \$45.

In our account of the funeral of the victims in the Sepoy disaster, the following ships were inadvertently omitted from the list of those sending wreaths.—H.M.S. Seawey, H.M.S. Moorhen, and H.M.S. Cicala.

Admitting a charge of returning from banishment, a Chinese who was deported for a period of five years in 1927 was sentenced to seven months' hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

On pleading guilty to the charge of using bright lights for fishing in a prohibited area, two masters and a mistress of fishing boats were fined \$5 each at the Marine Court before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole this morning.

Chau Sang, master of trading junk No. 365V, has reported to the Police that about 3 p.m. yesterday, while his junk was on the way from Shamshui to the Wing Lok Wharf, a foki on board, named Li Sung, accidentally fell overboard. The man has not been seen since.

Injured on the forehead by a brick thrown at him during an altercation with another villager, Chan Pan, a foki employed on a junk at Tsing I Island, Tsunwan district, was admitted into the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, tetanus having set in as a result of the injury.

A nine year old Chinese boy living at Kowloon Tong slipped as he stepped from the wharf to a Shamshui ferry boat yesterday afternoon. He was crushed between the ferry and the wharf and is now receiving attention for serious injuries in the Government Civil Hospital.

The disappearance of a foki with \$300 collected by him from a customer is reported by Lui Tse-hai, master of the Shing Tai curio shop, 9 Star Street, Wanchai. The foki's name is given as Tsung Pao-yuen, and he is stated to have absconded with the money on March 19 last.

A married woman of 376 Nathan Road appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of ill-treating a mui tsai, aged eleven, by assaulting her. The defendant was formally remanded for a week for hearing on April 23 at 2.15, bail being granted in the sum of \$1,000.

Yesterday afternoon a number of members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders availed themselves of an invitation to visit the installation of the Hongkong Electric Co. at North Point. They were conducted round the entire plant and showed much interest in the machinery and layout of the installation.

The fourth whist drive of the Police Recreation Club was held at the Club-house, Happy Valley, last evening, when prizes were won as follows:—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Booth; 2, Mrs. Pratt; 3, Mrs. O'Hare; Hidden Number, Mrs. Eccleshaw. Men: 1, Mr. Roberts; 2, Mr. Gardner; 3, Mr. Irons, Hidden Number, Mr. Phillips.

When a young Chinese appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of snatching a handbag from a Chinese girl in Dundas Street, Detective Sergeant Fitches asked his Worship for a remand for 24 hours for further enquiries. The case was accordingly adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. J. E. Wilson, of the China Mail, was cautioned by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when summoned for failing to produce his driver's licence to an officer in uniform. The defendant said that he had been in a hurry to attend the Volunteer Inspection and had forgotten to transfer his licence to his uniform pocket.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"The Cock-Eyed World."

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Crude dialogue is merely dialogue in its natural state—hasty and ill-considered—not refined. Flagg and Quirt were called to play the part of crude (natural) individuals, who, quite possibly, had never heard of such a word as "refinement." Had Mickey Walsh (the Irish Director) not wished his picture to be successful he might have had the writer of the dialogue furnish some such lines as the following:

Flagg:—Sorry, Algernon, old bean, but I really must ask you to discontinue your loathsome attentions to Mariana.

Quirt:—And may I inquire, Percival, old thing, what right, or rights, if any, you have for making a request, which, to my way of thinking, is scarcely justified, not to say entirely unwarranted?

The chances are that "A Lover of English" (whoever he may be) has not yet written a successful dialogue for an all-talking picture.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Interesting Pictures To-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will, as usual, contain a varied selection of topical pictures. Amongst the sporting events illustrated will be the Race Meeting of Saturday last, the junior and senior football shield-finals, and the tennis semi-final in which Kong Too-cheung and Ko Kailau defeated the Finchers. There will also be a group of Lugard Hall athletes. Other pictures will show the demolition of Yee Sang Fat Building, one of the oldest structures in the Colony, in progress, and several Canton pictures, including one of the cast of the C.A.T.S. in "The Ringer."

If that is the case, why the youthful criticism of the successful Billy K. Wells?

Undoubtedly there are thousands of the smaller English institutions of which the writer has never heard. I have, however, heard of one or two of the larger "English" institutions, such as the Home for Disabled Cockneys. The authorities send them there in the hope that they will be able to recuperate from the enervating effects of having dropped too many "atches." The original inmate of this institution was sentenced to be detained there until such time as he was able to pronounce the word "house." He died 37 years later—of a broken jaw. The last word (?) he pronounced was "yowse."

A very peculiar incident was recently reported in the English press. A Lancashireman and a Yorkshireman were sentenced on the same day to life imprisonment in the same "institution" for murdering the King's English. It is probable that if "A Lover of English" were to investigate his own Merrie England he would find hundreds of thousands of Englishmen in England unable to pronounce correctly the simplest English words. That being the case, why worry about "The Cock-Eyed World"—the picture had a successful run of five days.—Yours, etc.,

S. E. Z. M. E.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT TAI-O.

ATTACK ON CHINESE IN A KITCHEN.

Details of the affair at Tai-O yesterday, when a young Chinese was reported to have been injured by a robber, are contained in a Police report issued this morning. "I was in the cook-house, at about 5 o'clock in the morning," states Tang Cheung-hi of Tama Village, "when a man whom I recognized as Lau Kan-yeung, sprang in through the window. He caught hold of my throat, attempted to strangle me with a band of cloth, and tried to gouge my eyes out. Just as I was beginning to lose consciousness, he suddenly left me and disappeared through the window."

The victim declares that he knew his assailant, who is a fellow-villager. Giving a motive for the strange affair he said the other man must have known of the fact that only on the previous day a sum of \$50 was received by his mother from a farmer. The police are endeavouring to trace the man named by the victim.

The Very Idea!

"A doctor advised one of his patients to build himself up by taking a course of physical culture."

The latter entered an establishment and saw a number of men cutting wood. He asked one of the men if that was included in the course. He was asked what he meant, and, saying—"Isn't this also a school for physical culture?" led the man outside and pointed to the signboard, which read—"John Smith, Joiner and Bodybuilder."

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher "what do we see in the country besides grass, trees, and flowers?" "Advertisements," said Johnny.

A manufacturer of my acquaintance, writes a correspondent to a Home paper, tells me that recently an ex-pupil of one of the new Central Schools came to him to make an application for a post as office-boy.

Picking up a letter, and pointing to a colon, the manufacturer asked, "What do you call a sign like this?"

Like a flash came the reply, "That's an 'ister,' sir."

"An 'ister'! Whatever is an 'ister'?"

"You know, sir, how to use an 'In working sums, sir you—four 'ister eight, as five 'ten!'"

A woman giving evidence at Greenwich addressed the Magistrate as "Your Majesty."

"He never uses his hands on me; it's always his fists," said a young wife who, at Kingston obtained a separation order.

A young woman witness at the Old Bailey said that for part-time work at a hairdresser's she received £1 a week and a permanent wave. Counsel—How long does a permanent wave last?—Witness—About three months. Counsel: Then it is not so permanent as it seems.

Judge Owen Thompson (to defendant)—Are you a widow?—Defendant: I'm as good as a widow. The Judge—What do you mean?—I haven't seen my husband for years.

Husband at North London—My wife used me as a sort of punching bag, and I got in the first blow in self-defence.

Woman to man summoned at Penge—You tore your own trousers in trying to stop your wife taking money out of the pocket.

Foreman: "You can begin by helping the riveters on top of this skyscraper frame."

Green Apprentice (looking dubiously at dizzy skyscraper top): "Now, sir! Pa said for me to start at the bottom and work up!"

WHO WAS— THE ABBE JE- ROME COIGNARD?

Judged by any very strict standard of morals, the Abbe Jerome Coignard would be accounted a most outrageous old reprobate, for he loved the good things of life rather too often and rather too well to enhance the dignity of his calling.

Yet his creator, Anatole France, thought very well of the old Abbe, and so for all his faults we recognise in him a rattling good fellow—a humanitarian of wide sympathies, a scholar of great learning, though without pedantry, and a shrewd and witty observer of life, full of mellow benevolence and charity.

His love of life lead him into all sorts of queer predicaments—baccchanalian reels, quarrels with infuriated lovers and the mysteries of an alchemist's household, where his gentle scepticism had full play amongst the salamanders, which the maniac householder professed to conjure up for his bewonderment.

Finally, the old Abbe met his death at the hand of another maniac, who erroneously supposed that he had run off with his niece, and the end of the bon viveur was very touching and brave.

A philosopher who loved life and laughter in full measure, the Abbe Jerome Coignard will not meet with much approval from the Puritans, but if only you can forget the old man's singular naughtiness you cannot help but love him. At any rate, should you care to chance it, you will come across the old reprobate in "At the Sign of the Reine Pedaque" of which many excellent translations exist.



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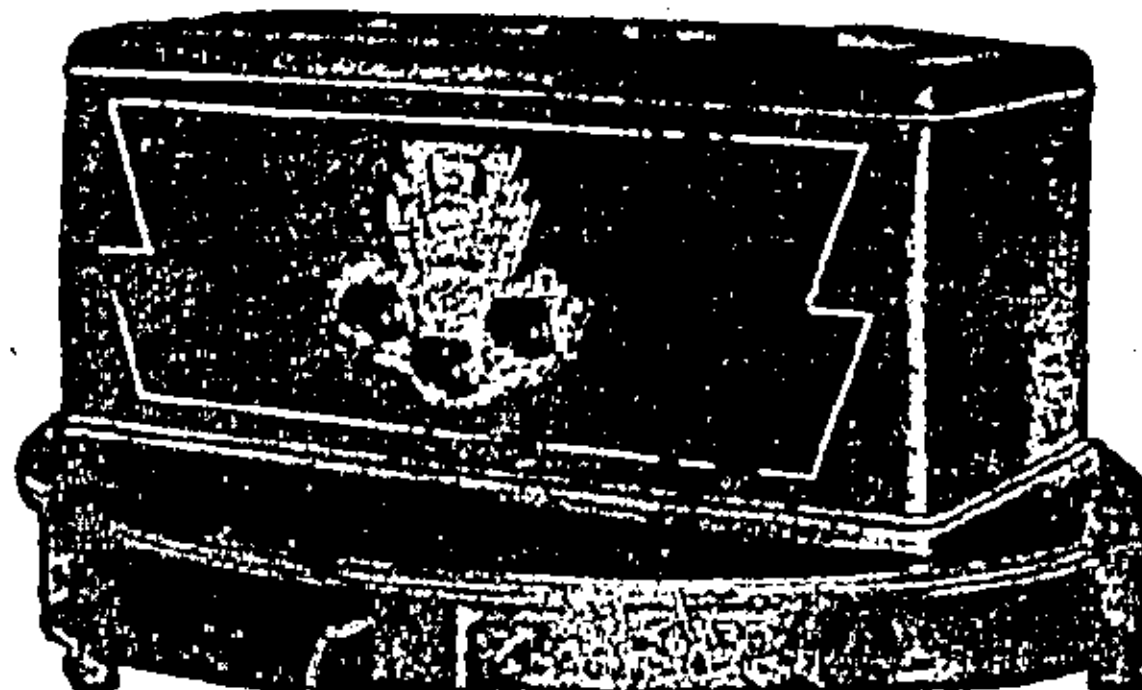
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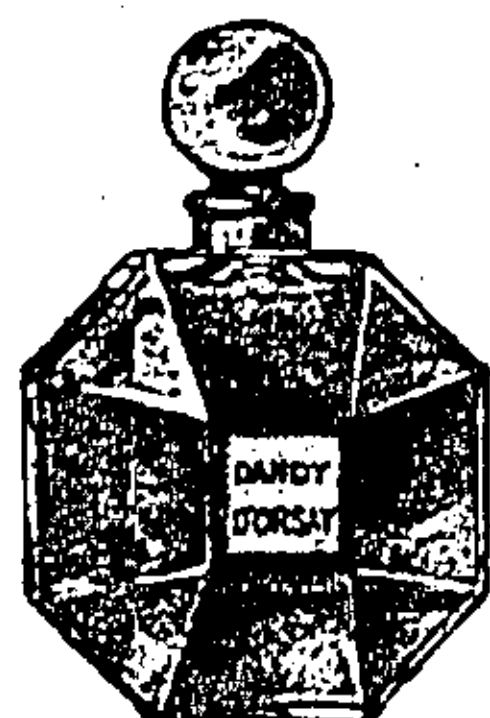
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CHILD PROTECTION IN HONGKONG.

PUBLIC CO-OPERATION REQUESTED.

We have received from Mr. J. T. Prior, one of the Joint Hon. Secretaries of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, a number of documents for which publication has been authorised. The object is to let the public see the kind of work which the Society will be undertaking and so realise how urgently funds are needed.

How to Help a Child.

It is notified that anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with the Hon. Secretaries of the Society. All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne by the Society, and the informants' name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Forbidden by Law.

The following is a list of what is forbidden under the Laws of Hongkong:—

To assault, ill-treat, neglect, abandon or expose any child under sixteen years of age in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to its health. (Offences against the Person Ordinance, 1865, sec. 26 A).

To fail to provide adequate food, clothing or lodging for any such child, or (if unable to provide the same) to fail to take steps to procure the same to be provided by some authority, society or institution which undertakes to make such provision for necessitous children.

To employ any child under the age of fifteen years in any dangerous trade (Boiler chipping, manufacture of fire-works, or glass-making). (Industrial Employment of Children Ordinance, 1922, sec. 6 and Regulations).

To employ any child under the age of ten years in any factory.

To allow any child under the age of fifteen years to work in any industrial undertaking for more than nine hours in any period of twenty-four hours.

To allow any such child to work in any industrial undertaking for more than five hours continuously.

To employ any child in any industrial undertaking between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

To allow any such child to carry any weight which is unreasonably heavy having regard to such child's age and physical development.

To allow any such child to carry any load exceeding forty catties in weight.

To employ any child under the age of twelve years in carrying coal or building material or debris.

To allow any child under the age of ten years to be upon any premises used for the trades of rag-picking, rag-storing, hair-cleaning, leather storing or leather cleaning. (Public Health etc. Ordinance 1903 (sections 2 and 16 and By-laws, Schedule B. Offensive Trades, 13).

To procure the prostitution of any girl (Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897 section 4).

To cause the seduction of any girl under sixteen years of age (section 5).

To take into employment any mui tsai.

To take into employment any female domestic servant whatsoever under the age of ten years. (Female Domestic Services Ordinance 1923, sections 4 and 5).

To fail to register any mui tsai.

To overwork or ill-treat any mui tsai.

To transfer any mui tsai from one employer to another.

Any person aware of the commission of any of the above offences against a child should communicate immediately with the Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C.

PUBLIC MONEY.

UNOFFICIALS QUESTION FINANCIAL VOTES.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, at a meeting held yesterday, approved supplementary expenditure amounting to a sum of \$530,000. A debate on the high cost of living allowance is given elsewhere.

Unofficial members raised questions on a number of votes, to which the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) replied.

In regard to a vote for \$1,809 for providing broadcasting sets in Government Hospitals, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall asked: Sir, is this amenity intended for patients of all nationalities?

The Chairman.—The Hospitals are mentioned, and we have allocated headphones as asked for by these hospitals. I am afraid I cannot answer the question as to particular allocation. I can give you the allocations as we have received them.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.—May I ask whether this is for non-paying as well as paying patients?

The Chairman.—Oh yes, and the scheme is capable of extension, if applied for.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.—I hope the non-European patients will participate in this amenity.

The Chairman.—Wards 10 and 11 in "A" block of the Government Civil Hospital have four loud speakers each.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.—Will the Government give my suggestion consideration?

The Chairman.—Yes, certainly.

Police Training School.

In connexion with a vote of \$182,750 for the purchase of the Police Training School, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton said.—I desire to minute the fact that I regard the allocation of the Police Training School on K. I. L. 1652 as a temporary measure because in my opinion the Police Training School must be situated on part of the site ultimately chosen as the site for the new Gaol. I support the vote because I regard the purchase as a favourable one from the Government's point of view and the property can eventually be used for other Government purposes, and if acquired at a later date will in all probability cost the Government more money.

Government Workshops.

A vote of \$5,040 was asked for rent for areas on the Praya East Reclamation.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.—Has rent been paid in the past?

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy).—Rent was due from April of last year. I think the vote for last year was passed but it lapsed.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.—Why were not the workshops erected on Crown land in the first instance?

The Director of Public Works.—The old workshops were on a piece of reclamation before the Praya East reclamation scheme was started.

Princely Remuneration.

Referring to a vote for \$236, allowance for supervising cleaning of offices, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said.—Sir, From the note appended to item No. 40, I figure out that there are fifteen and a half hours for each week and this Committee is asked to vote the princely remuneration of \$3 a week. In other words the payment per hour for overtime works out at less than 20 cents per hour. I should very much like to know, Sir, whether in all conscience the Government considers 20 cents an hour on a Saturday afternoon or a Monday morning, adequate remuneration for overtime.

The Chairman.—These rates have been arranged in accordance with the suggestions made in the new Salaries Commission report for overtime generally in the Government service, which is work by the day and not by the hour.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.—It does not follow that the recommendations of the Salaries Commission

RENAISSANCE PERIOD IN FRANCE.

INFLUENCE DEPICTED ON HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

Continuing his series of lectures on "Architecture" before an audience comprised of students and others at the Hongkong University last night, Mr. C. E. Moore reviewed the period of French architecture from the year 1527 to 1792.

He said that no modern nation has approached the French in their capacity for handling large design, not only the design of monumental buildings, but also the problem of their location in relation to other buildings.

The French passion for logical order and lucidity of statement asserts itself in their civic architecture in a manner worthy of the traditions of Imperial Rome.

The lecturer dealt with the development of architecture as it was promoted by the French Renaissance, which, he said, was started by Francis I about 1527. An invasion into Italy and the subsequent importation into France of Italian artists and workmen brought about a decided Italian influence in the French architecture of that period. It was during the reign of Louis XIII (1610-1643) that the Renaissance reached its culmination. Assisted by the statesmanship of the astute Cardinal Richelieu, the power of the Crown had been considerably strengthened, which coupled with the passion of the Kings of France for palace building, produced what might be called the "Palace Renaissance."

The lecturer dwelt on the architectural properties of such historic buildings produced by the Renaissance period as the Palace of Versailles, where the later Bourbon Kings spent most of their time; the Pantheon, the Palace of Fontainebleau, the Louvre, as well as many chateaux that were built for the pleasure-loving nobility of those times. He also referred to the Arc de Triomphe as furnishing another surviving example of structural works of the Renaissance.

With the erection of these luxurious buildings—in keeping with the extravagance and profligacy of the aristocracy of that period—the evil effects of despotism and bad Government became more marked and glaring by contrast. Writers like Voltaire, Rousseau and others easily weakened authority by their attacks and prepared the ground for the revolution of 1792, which put an end to architectural development.

CHILDREN A NATION'S BIG ASSET.

AMERICA MAKES MAY 1ST "CHILDREN'S DAY."

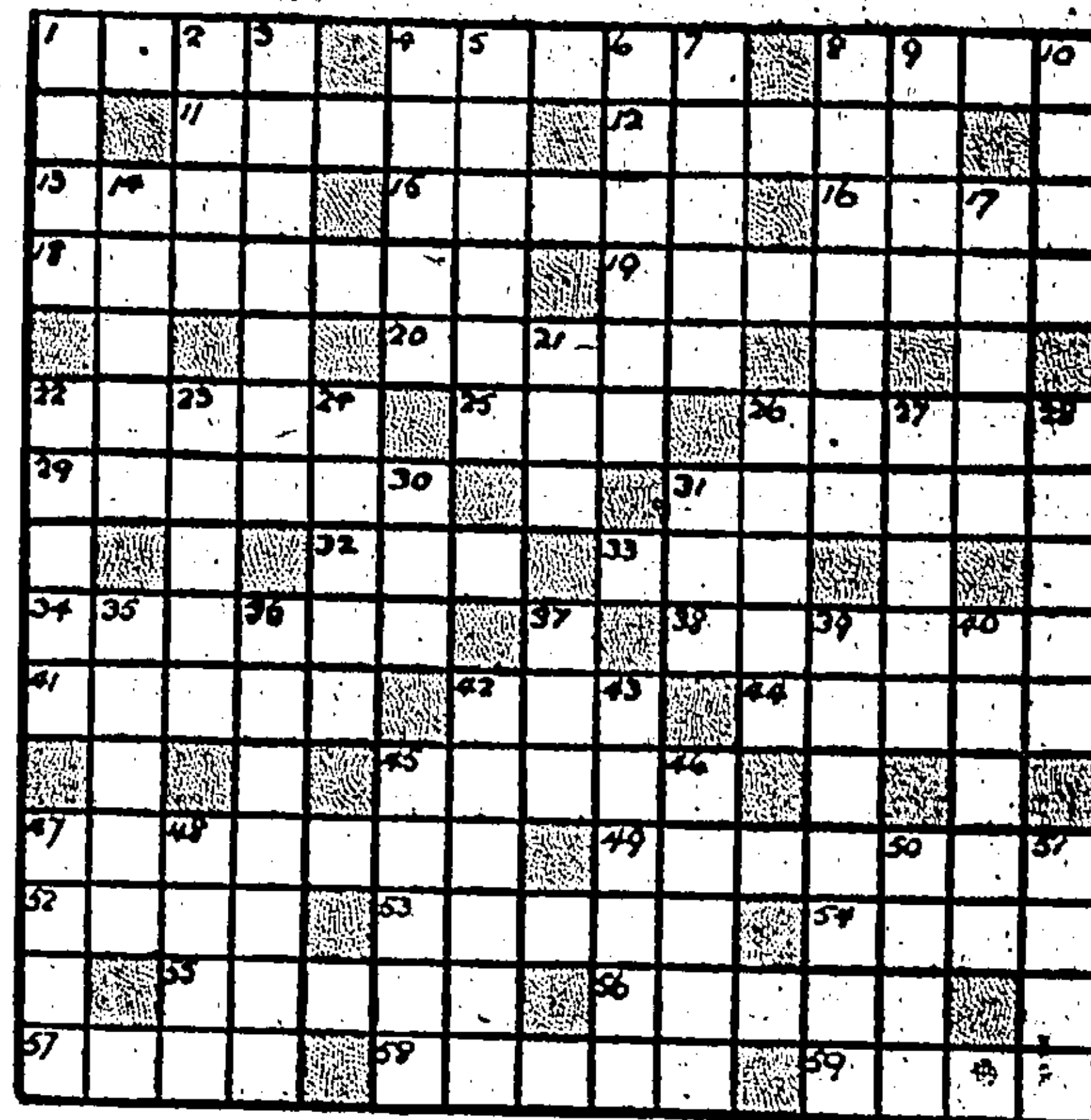
Washington, Apr. 10. By Presidential declaration, May Day will henceforth be known as "Children's Day" in America. Mr. Hoover, in a moving speech, referred to the children as the nation's "fundamental asset"—*Reuter's American Service.*

should be binding on the members of this Committee. I do not feel that I personally should be under an obligation to vote only 20 cents per hour for overtime for this branch of the clerical service. For a member of that service I think it is wholly inadequate. I should like to see more liberal compensation for overtime.

The Chairman.—We will consider what you say, but in the meantime I take it members will approve the vote.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.—Yes, I do, but meanwhile do please consider it.

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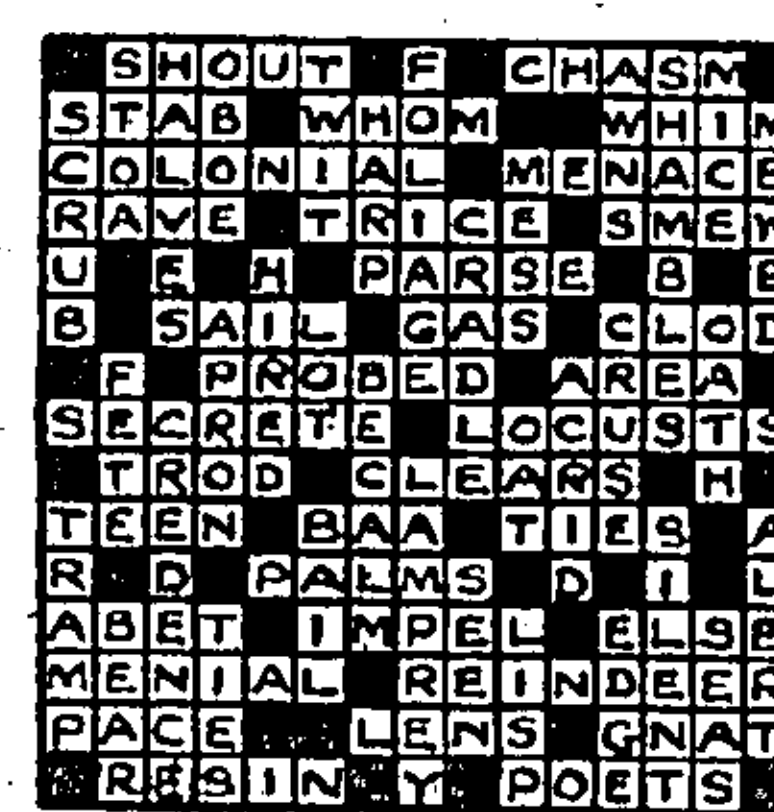
- 1 Disturbance.
- 4 Frighten.
- 8 Jump.
- 11 One that names.
- 12 Pierce.
- 13 Let it stand.
- 16 Directed towards.
- 17 Shrub yielding indigo.
- 18 Annoys.
- 19 Renders dull.
- 20 Having a side.
- 22 Ex-Emperors.
- 25 Male child.
- 26 Ire.
- 29 Intellect.
- 31 Ambassador.
- 32 Near the ground.
- 33 Impede.
- 34 Liberated.
- 38 Deprive.
- 41 Alleys.
- 42 Obtained from coal.
- 44 Mitigates.
- 45 Fragment.
- 47 Kind of fishing net.
- 49 Visitors.
- 52 Small island.
- 53 Not at all.
- 54 Formerly.
- 55 Ascend.
- 56 Marks made by blows.
- 57 High pointed rocks.
- 58 Compound of fatty acids.
- 59 Ooze.

Down.

- 1 Grate.
- 2 Units.
- 3 Rage.
- 4 Scorch.
- 5 Turning-point.
- 6 Abounding with reeds.
- 7 Finished.
- 8 Guiding.

- 9 Eagle.
- 10 Chums.
- 14 Annoy.
- 17 Entrance.
- 21 Spot.
- 22 Go round.
- 23 Brother to Moses.
- 24 Parts of boots.
- 25 Brood of eagles.
- 27 Hurricanes.
- 28 Reposes.
- 30 Move the head.
- 31 Boy.
- 35 Kilns.
- 36 Seal hunters.
- 37 At a distance.
- 39 Rascals.
- 40 Prophets.
- 42 Numbers.
- 43 Go back.
- 45 Moral perception.
- 46 Challenger.
- 47 Scrutinize.
- 48 Pertaining to wings.
- 50 Gaelic.
- 51 Stay.

Yesterday's Solution.



TWO AMATEUR PLAYS TO-NIGHT.

BY ST. ANDREW'S CLUB IN KOWLOON.

As reported some weeks ago, members of the St. Andrew's Club have been rehearsing two plays and these will be presented to the public to-night, at the St. Andrew's Church Hall, commencing at 9 o'clock. Rev. W. Walton Rogers is the producer. The plays were obtained through the courtesy of the Hongkong A.D.C., who also lent part of the scenery for the occasion.

"A Blank Cartridge."

Ian Hay's farce "A Blank Cartridge," which was produced in London recently, is a story of the Highlands. The whole of the action takes place in the main hall of the Hunting Lodge of the "late lamented McMutchkin." The Lodge is bought by one Mr. Smithson, a J. P. from London and on his initial visit causes much personal inconvenience by displaying an "ignorance of foreign customs," shooting McRobbie, the head game-keeper in the leg while hunting on the moors and loses his daughter, who becomes engaged to the factor of the estate. He finally vows to spend the rest of his holiday on Brighton pier.

The sentimental parts are in the hands of Smithson's daughter, Hilda, and Farquhar the factor of

the estate. McRobbie and his daughter, Elspeth are mainly responsible for the humour, of which there is plenty.

The cast is made up of Sydney Edgar, who takes the part of Smithson, J. P., Maud White, as his daughter Hilda, Anthony Cole acts the role of factor, McRobbie and his daughter Elspeth are taken by Norman Mackay and Aletha Hirst respectively.

"Aunt Maria's Wireless."

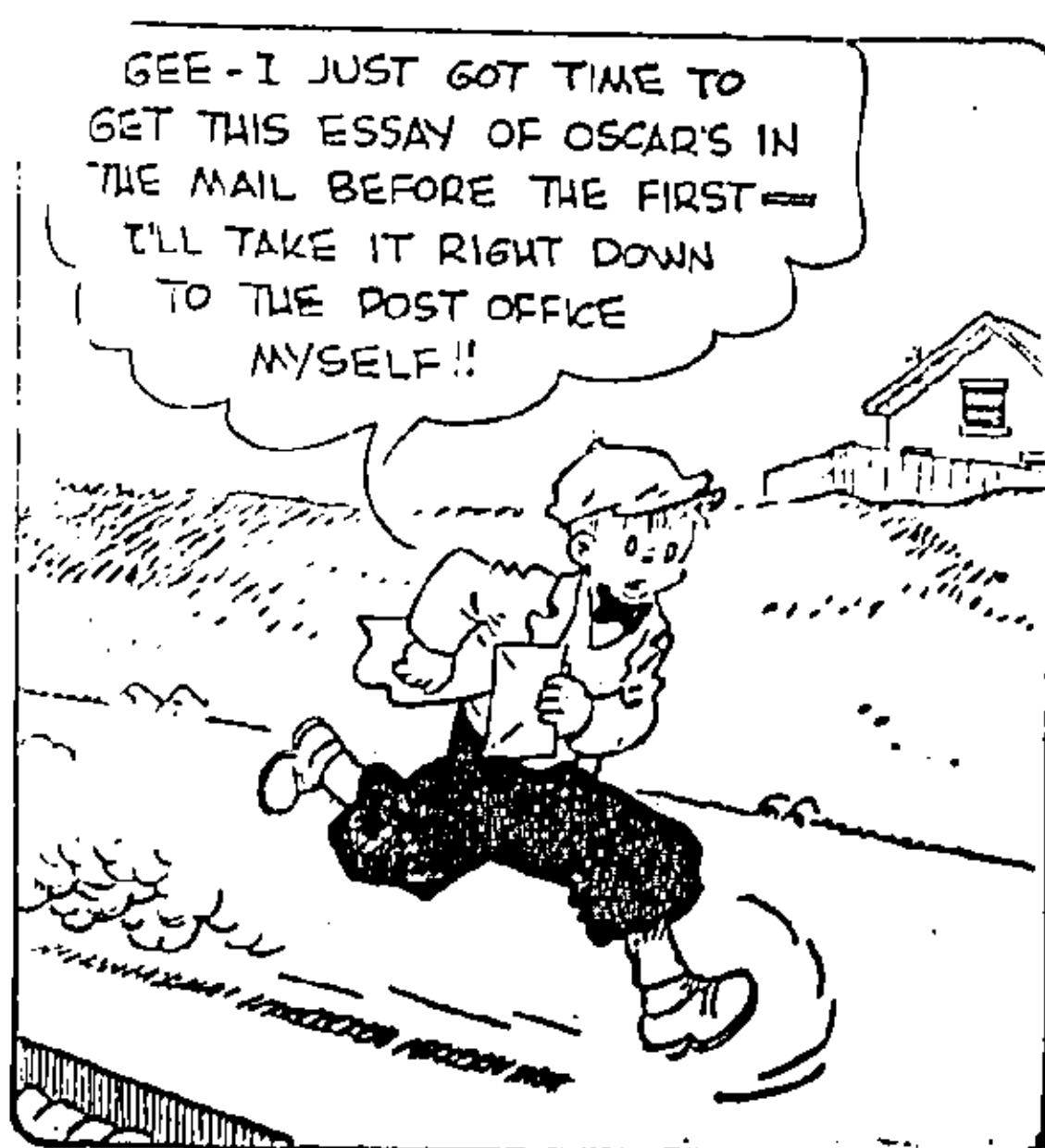
The alluring qualities of the fair sex are fully displayed in "Aunt Maria's Wireless" a short sketch by Mabel Constanduros. As the title suggests, a wireless set plays a great part and is very much in evidence throughout the whole play.

The story depicts a couple of scheming nieces who are very much attracted to their maiden aunt because of her immense wealth. Much amusement is caused by the dialogue which takes place between husband and wife while "listening-in" on the wireless, which was bought to entertain their aunt, but turned out to be their undoing rather than making.

Rita Cole plays the part of Mrs. Jenkins, one of the nieces, and Minnie Vessoua plays Emerleen, the other niece. Rupert Baldwin is Mr. Jenkins, Eileen Bliss is Aunt Maria, and Aletha Hirst is the housemaid, Bluebell.

Besides the above plays musical items will be given.

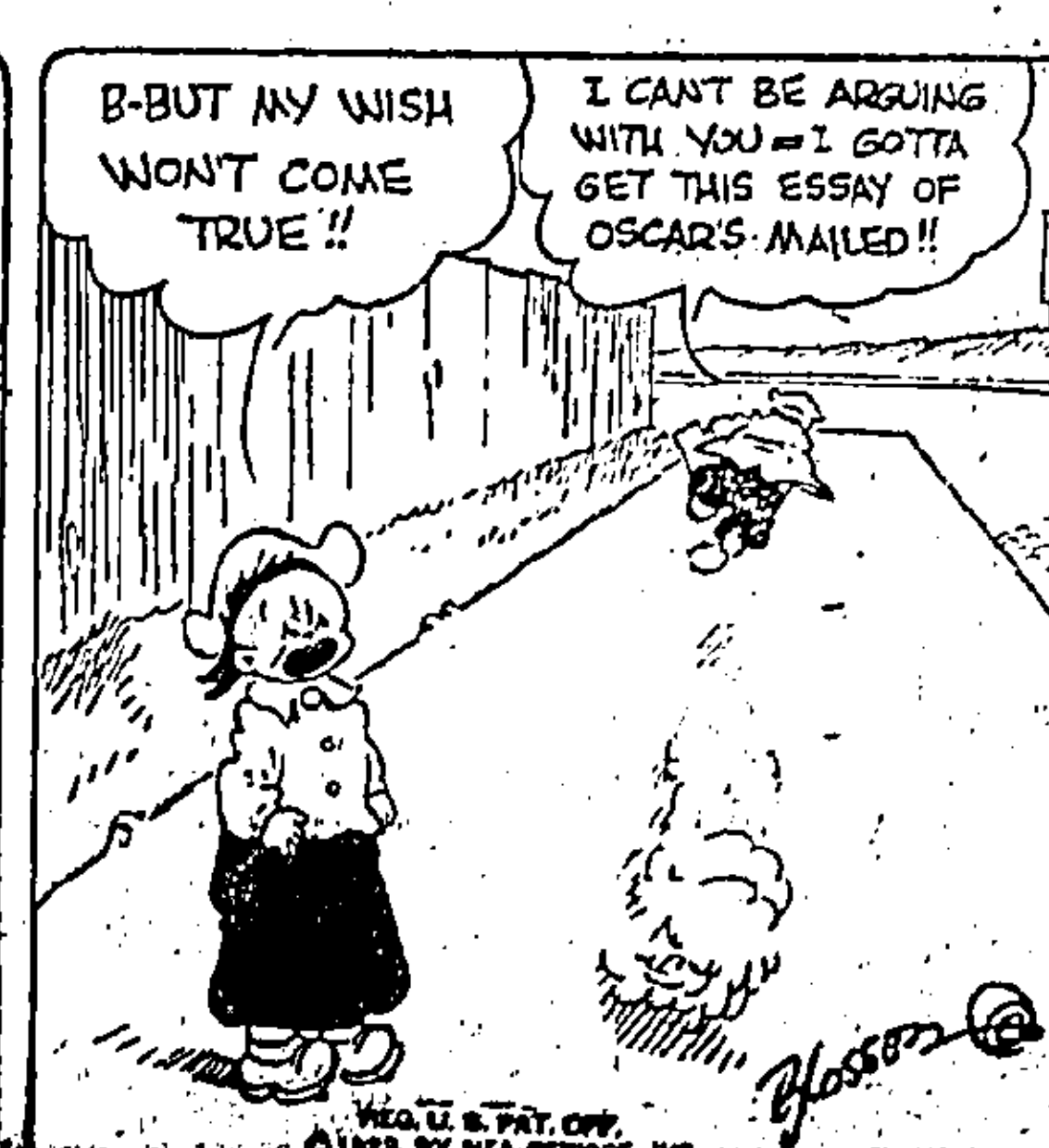
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NOTICE.

CURRENCY COMMITTEE.

It is hereby notified that the Currency Committee now conducting an inquiry with the terms of reference set out hereunder is desirous of obtaining the views of as many interests in the Colony as possible; and all those who wish to present memoranda for consideration or to give evidence on the subject before the Committee are invited to send in their names or communications to the Secretary to the Committee at the Colonial Secretary's Office before the 14th of April, 1930.

Terms of Reference.

- Is the present currency the most advantageous for the purposes of the trade of this Colony?
- In what respects, if any, is the present currency situation in the Colony unsatisfactory?
- If the situation is unsatisfactory in what way can it be remedied?
- Is the premium on notes over silver detrimental to the prosperity of the Colony? If so can it be controlled and by what means?
- Is the linking of the currency with silver advantageous to the Colony? If so can it be more closely linked?
- Is it desirable in the interests of the Colony that the value of the dollar be stabilized? If so can any effective steps be taken to that end?

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FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB.

STEEPLECHASES.

Kwan Ti. Sunday, April 13th.
First Race 3.00 p.m. Special Train leaves Kowloon 1.40 p.m. Returning from Fanling at 5.55 p.m. Fare for Round Trip \$2.00 including Admission to The Races.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Subject to weather conditions it is hoped to play off the FINALS of the OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP events.

SINGLES on MONDAY, 14th April, DOUBLES on TUESDAY, 15th April.

BOOKING of RESERVED seats will open at Messrs. Moutrie's on FRIDAY, 11th April.

Members of the Club are hereby advised that booking at the Pavilion at reduced rates will CLOSE at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, 10th April.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend of Five per cent. on the paid-up Capital of the Company has this day been declared in respect of the financial year ending 30th September, 1930, and that such Dividend will be payable on Monday, 12th May, 1930, on and after which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Hong Kong.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 5th May, 1930, until Saturday, 10th May, 1930, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

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THE RAW RUBBER MARKETS.

TYRE MANUFACTURE HEADS DEMAND.

London, Apr. 10.

The absorption of crude rubber by the United Kingdom more than doubled in the last four years, says a report by the Imperial Economic Committee on trade in rubber manufactured goods. The United Kingdom is now second only to the United States as an absorber of crude rubber.

The report shows that about 75 per cent. of raw rubber used in the industries of the world was absorbed to manufacture tyres, which accounts for about 85 per cent. of the total consumption in the United States. Four of the most important markets for British tyres are India, South Africa, the Irish Free State and New Zealand, while Argentina, Spain and Germany head the United States list.

Standardisation Needed.
The opinion of the report is that standardisation is one of the most pressing needs of the industry. For example, over 150 different types of tyres are required to meet the needs of cars in the United Kingdom alone. "Recognition all over the Empire of common standards and specifications for the same goods would exercise a potent influence on the growth of inter-Imperial trade."

The report concludes that it is to other uses of raw rubber than tyre manufacture that the rubber industry must mainly look for expansion in the future.—*Reuter.*

CONCERT AT KOWLOON UNION CHURCH.

ENJOYABLE FUNCTION IN AID OF BUILDING FUND.

An enjoyable time was spent at Kowloon Union Church last evening, when a delightful concert was given. The effort was arranged by the choir in order to raise money for the Building and Furnishing Fund.

A number of popular local artists contributed a variety of numbers, all of which were extremely well received and well presented. The programme included instrumental trios, violin, cello and piano by Mrs. Arnold, Miss C. Braga and Mr. J. Braga; violin solos by Mr. J. Braga; songs by Miss McGill, Mr. J. J. Cornelius, and Mr. H. Anniss; recitations by Mrs. Mather, and part songs by the choir, Mr. Anniss being the soloist.

Accompanists at the piano were Mrs. F. Short and Miss Caroline Braga.

AUSTRALIAN AFFAIRS.

REFERENDUM TO DECIDE THREE ISSUES.

Canberra, Apr. 10.
The House of Representatives has passed the second readings of three Bills for referendums inviting the people to grant the Federal Government complete power to amend the Commonwealth constitution, authority to control industrial affairs, and to control trade and commerce.—*Reuter.*

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Japan ...	Suwa Maru	April 13.
Shanghai ...	Tjibadok	April 13.
Manila ...	President Grant	April 14.
Parcels (London 13th March) and Straits ...	Adriaticus	April 14.
Batavia ...	Tjisondari	April 16.
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Japan and Shanghai ...	Atsuta Maru	April 18.
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Shanghai ...	Gemma	April 19.
U. S. A. (San Francisco March 28), Honolulu Japan and Shanghai ...	Pres. Cleveland	April 21.
Japan ...	Aki Maru	April 21.
Australia and Manila ...	Kaga Maru	April 17.
Canada (Victoria, B.C. 25th March), U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai ...	Empress of Asia	April 17.

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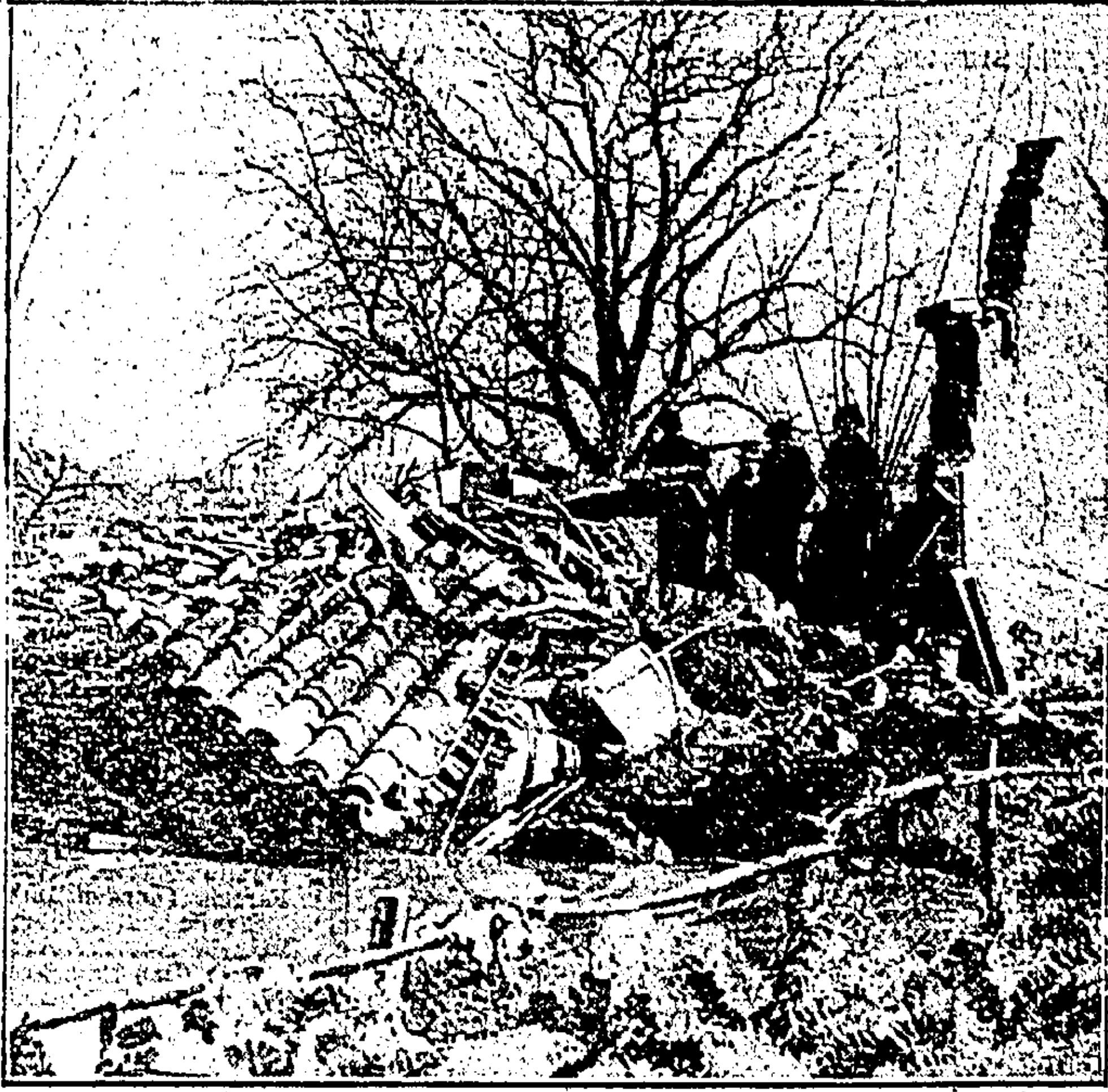
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Sam Shui and Wuchow ...	Kong Ning	Fri., Apr. 11, 4 p.m.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa	Sat., Apr. 12.
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	Apr. 11, 4.30 p.m.
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	Letters	Apr. 12, 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
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	Registration	Apr. 12, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 12, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 8th May).	
Foochow and Weihaiwei ...	Huichow	Sat., Apr. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Saigon ...	Wong Shek Kung	Sat., Apr. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Manila ...	Pres. Lincoln	Sat., Apr. 12, 4.30 a.m.
Amoy ...	Anking	Sat., Apr. 12, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Beltana	Sat., Apr. 12.
	Registration	Apr. 12, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 12, 6 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow ...	Kalgan	Sun., Apr. 13, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Canton Maru	Sun., Apr. 13, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco	Tatsuta Maru	Mon., Apr. 14, 8.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 8th May).	
Shanghai ...	Suwa Maru	Mon., Apr. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	President Grant	Mon., Apr. 14.
	Parcels	Apr. 14, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 15, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 15, 10 a.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 2nd May).	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Grant	Mon., Apr. 14.
	Registration	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 14, 6 p.m.
Swatow ...	Hydrangea	Mon., Apr. 14, 3 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya ...	Tjibadok	Tues., Apr. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haining	Tues., Apr. 15, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kwong Sang	Tues., Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
	Sarpedon	Tues., Apr. 15.
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	Registration	Apr. 15, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 15, 4.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 14th May).	
Swatow ...	Sunning	Wed., Apr. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow ...	Kwei Yang	Wed., Apr. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Manila ...	Canfa	Wed., Apr. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy ...	Tsinan	Thurs., Apr. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow ...	Cheong Shing	Thurs., Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
*Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changte	Fri., Apr. 18.
	Parcels	Apr. 18, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 18, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 18, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 29th April).	
Japan ...	Kaga Maru	Fri., Apr. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Sandakan ...	Mausang	Fri., Apr. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haining	Fri., Apr. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Manila ...	Empress of Asia	Fri., Apr. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok ...	Kiungchow	Sat., Apr. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Manila ...	Gemma	Sat., Apr. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Atsuta Maru	Sat., Apr. 19.
	K. P. O.	
	Registration	Apr. 18, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 19, 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	Apr. 19, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 19, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 19th May).	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C. and Siberia	Siberia Maru	Sat., Apr. 19.
	Registration	Apr. 19, 8.15 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 19, 8.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 10th May).	
Japan, Canada U.S.A. (except California), *Central and *South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Ixion	Sat., Apr. 19.
	Registration	Apr. 19, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 19, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 24th May).	
Amoy ...	Kutsang	Sat., Apr. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Aki Maru	Tues., Apr. 22.
	Registration	Apr. 22, 8.15 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 22, 8.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 5th May).	
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	D'Artagnan	Tues., Apr. 22.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	Apr. 22, 1 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 22, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	Apr. 22, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 22, 2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 24th May).	
Swatow ...	Kwai Sang	Tues., Apr. 22, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta ...	Namsang	Fri., Apr. 25.
	Parcels	Apr. 25, noon.
	Letters	Apr. 25, 1 p.m.

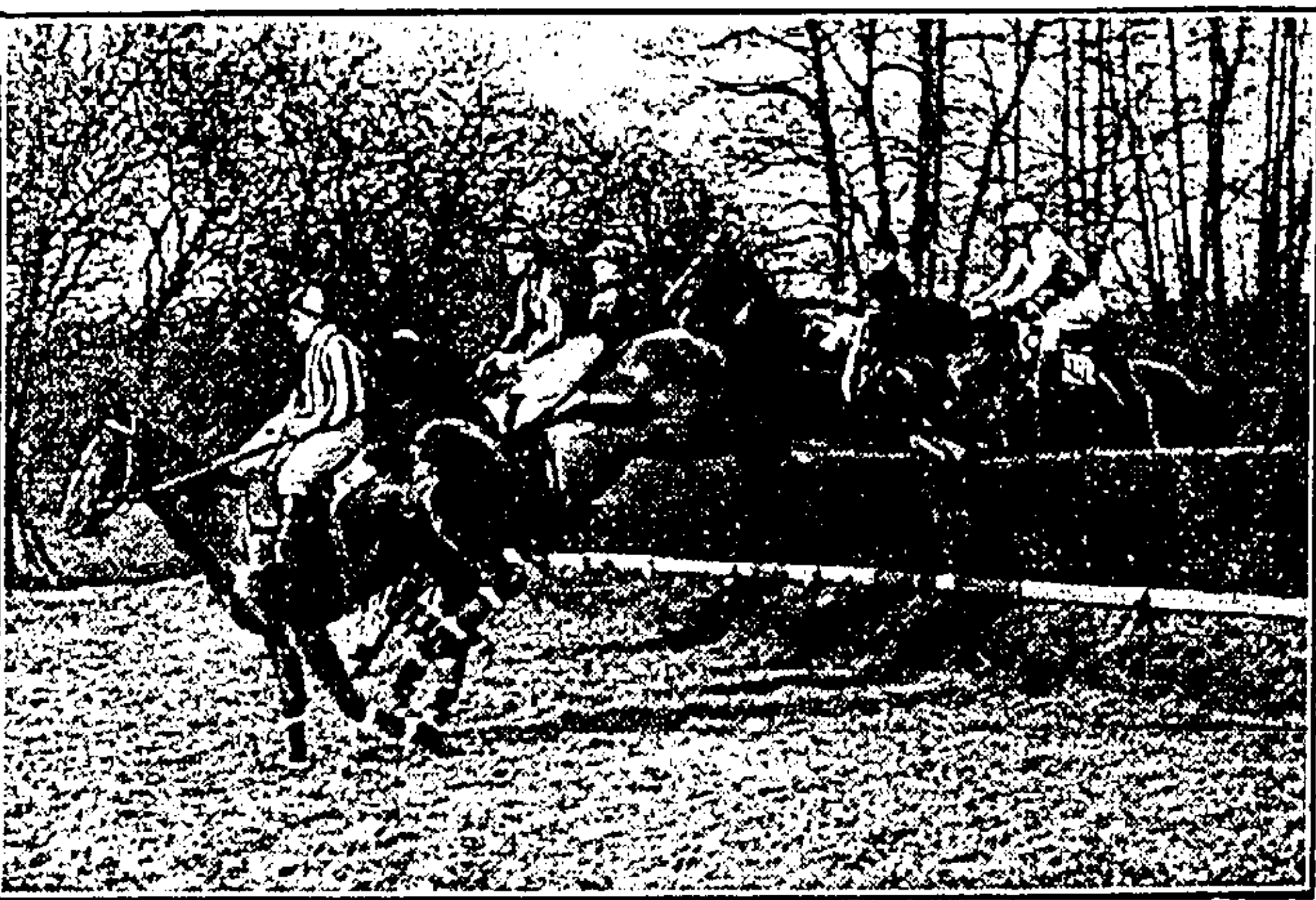
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Italy's firm stand for equal naval strength with France in the Mediterranean has been emphasized at the London conference by these members of the Italian delegation. Dino Granti, Minister for Foreign Affairs, is pictured at the top. Naval envoys to the conference are Vice Admiral Alfredo Aton, centre, and Admiral Giuseppe Sirianni, bottom.



As a result of the most severe and extensive floods on record in France, thousands of people were made homeless and hundreds of lives were lost in the south and south-west. Our picture shows a ruined cottage at Alblas, in the Department of Tarn-et Garonne. (Times copyright).



Taking the first jump in the Lingfield Park Handicap Steeplechase, Castletown is leading, and on the extreme right is Spear O'War, the favorite.



These French statesmen fill important roles at the London conference. Francois Pietri, top, is Minister of Colonies. Admiral Descottes Genon, attends the conference as naval expert with the French delegation. M. de Fleuriau, below, French Ambassador to Great Britain, is another prominent delegate.



Members of H.M.S. Hermes Concert Party when they gave an enjoyable entertainment at Shanghai.



These children appeared in the operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum," at Shanghai recently.



The annual ball given by members of St. Patrick's Society of Shanghai, was held at the Majestic Hotel.



A group of her friends were hostesses at a tea given in honour of Mrs. Rose McMartin.



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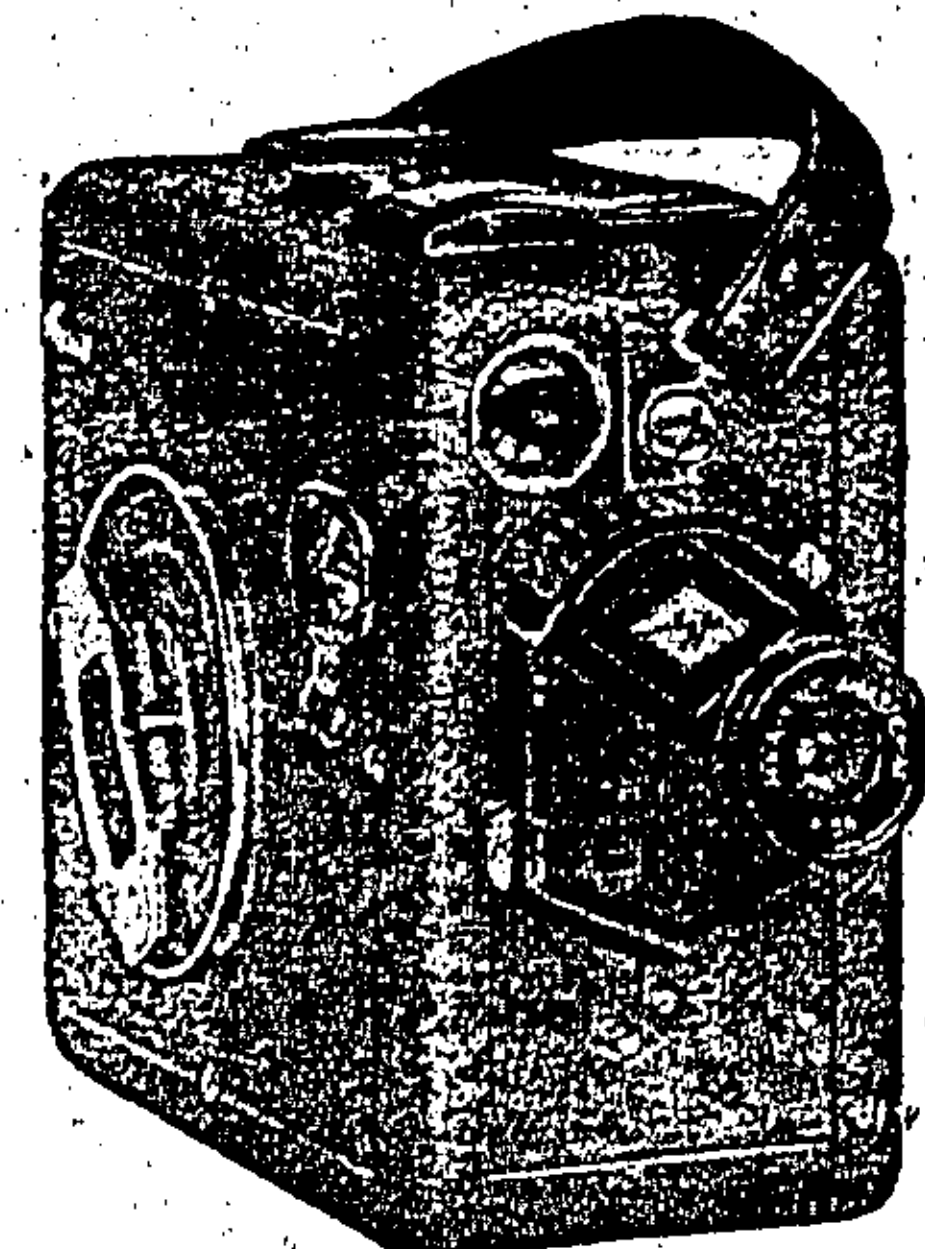
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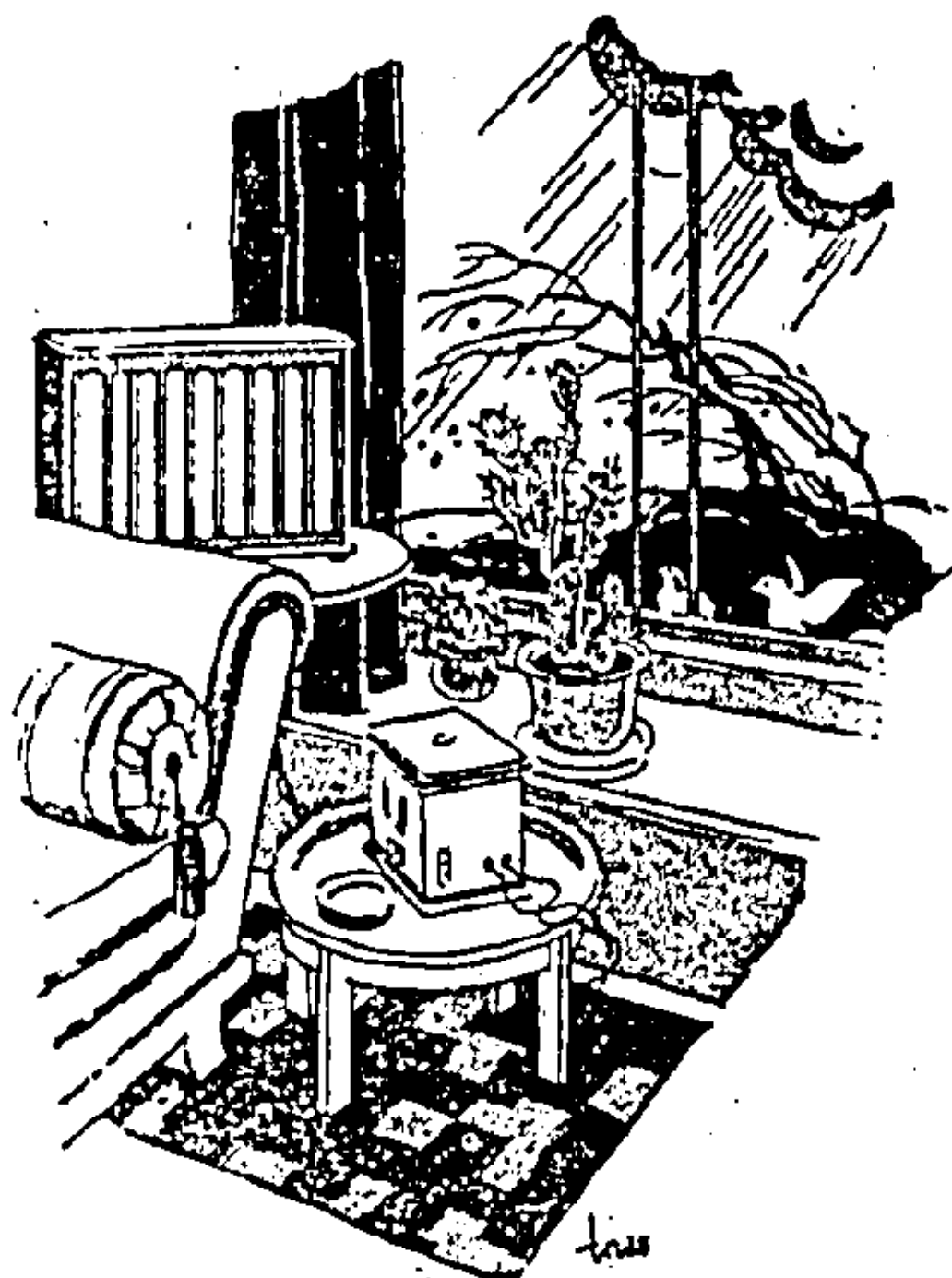
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HIGH COST OF LIVING. FINANCE COMMITTEE DEBATES VOTE OF \$377,400. PLEA FOR DOLLAR MEN

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at a meeting held yesterday, presided over by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.), debated at some length a vote for \$377,400 for high cost of living allowance. It was explained in the Message that the scheme of percentage increase on existing sterling salaries which was brought into force in 1928 did not contemplate a fall in the dollar below 1s. 9d. The Secretary of State has approved of the continuation of this concession down to exchange of 1s. 6d. as from January 1. Sir, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.—Sir, I desire to move an amendment to item 41. The amendment is:

"That a sum of \$188,700 be voted under item 41 for the period 1st January, 1930, to the 30th June, 1930, as a temporary measure and subject to any decision which may be arrived at in regard to the recommendations of the Commission upon Civil Servants' salaries."

The latter part of the first paragraph of the item reads: "A vote is therefore requested for \$377,400 the estimated excess on this item for the whole year on the assumption that the value of the dollar remains at 1s. 6d." This matter was referred to the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council at a meeting at which Sir Henry Pollock was Chairman and a decision was come to which is contained in Sir Henry Pollock's letter to you, Sir, dated 25th March. It is intended that that recommendation should be a temporary measure and should be enforced only pending the consideration and decisions in reference to the Salaries Commission. Sir Henry Pollock's letter reads: "And should be subject to any decision which may be arrived at in regard to the recommendations of the Commission on Civil Servants' salaries." Under those circumstances, Sir, firstly, the recommendation is temporary to bridge over a period, and, secondly, it is only until the recommendations of the Commission were considered. I therefore am of opinion that a vote for the whole year is unnecessary and I therefore move that the vote be for the half year only.

The Dollar-Paid Man.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.—I beg to second the amendment. I think that an amount sufficient to cover the necessary disbursements up to the end of June is all that should be voted for the present. As pointed out by the Hon. Mr. Shenton, the Finance Committee recommended this extra concession as a temporary measure pending the consideration of the report of the Salaries' Commission by the Legislative Council. As a matter of fact it is so stated in the Message before us. By the end of June the general question of salaries should be disposed of. If by that time it be considered necessary to continue the concession beyond June, it would not be difficult to have a second supplementary vote taken.

I should like to add that in agreeing to this concession, the Chinese members of Council explicitly reserved to themselves the right of representing the case of the local men for an increase in their salaries by reason of the rise in the cost of living brought about by the fall in the value of the dollar. We consider it proper to state it here publicly that as soon as we have given due consideration to the matter, we will ask the Government to extend to the officers in receipt of dollar salaries some amelioration in their emolument with retrospective effect as in the case of officers on sterling salaries.

Hon. Mr. Braga's Views.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.—Sir, On this vote of the rather large sum of \$377,400 to compensate officers in

the Government service in receipt of sterling salaries on account of the drop in the exchange value of the dollar, I hope I may be permitted to say a few words. Were I to remain silent on the occasion of a public debate by the Unofficial members of the Council on this question, my silence may lead to a wrong interpretation being put on my attitude in regard to this matter.

I may say at the outset that this all-important question was discussed in the first instance by Unofficial members within closed doors. This secret method of conducting public business in which large sums of public money are concerned does not commend my admiration, and I desire thus publicly to condemn it. When all is said and done, Unofficial members of this Council are but the representatives of the community. As such, they are responsible to the community for the expenditure of public money which, after all, comes out of the pocket of the ratepayers. The people who find the money to meet public expenditure are entitled to know upon what grounds their representatives have decided to vote for or against the sanctioning of any sum in respect of any specific vote.

In this particular instance of the high cost of living allowance, a very important principle is involved. It is the principle of differentiation between the sterling-paid servants of the Government—hence of the ratepayers—and the same servants who receive their salaries in dollars.

Prima facie the Unofficial members, in consenting to the payment of this additional increase of \$377,400 in the dollar equivalent of the sterling-paid branch of the Civil Service—based on the old scheme of percentage increase that had received the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and brought into force in 1928—might be assumed to have ignored the claims of the dollar-paid employees of Government to any compensation by reason of the depreciated dollar.

My unofficial colleagues will speak for themselves, as some have already done. So far as I am personally concerned, Sir, I would like to make my attitude perfectly clear so as to remove the possibility of any misunderstanding of any bias on my part in favour of one section of the public servants of this Colony as against the other.

All Classes Hit.

In the whole course of the private discussions, I have taken the unequivocal attitude that, if sterling men in the public service have been hit by the depreciated dollar, so have the men in the humblest though no less indispensable branches of the service been affected as regards higher living costs in the Colony. The extent, however, is one of varying degree only. None escape the blow dealt by the sud-

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den and sharp fall in the dollar value. To deny this, is a deliberate and a hopeless attempt to refuse admission of facts that are patent to even the least initiated in the vagaries of exchange fluctuations and their influence on living costs in this Colony.

I have been given to understand that on a similar basis of compensation it requires \$300,000 to provide the full allowance for the dollar-paid branch of the Civil Service. The amount is less than we are now called upon to vote. On a commuted basis even less than \$300,000 will be required. I earnestly trust the Government will see the force of the argument on

behalf of the clerical and other subordinate departments of the service.

Quite recently the theory of the standard of living has been brought up in order to support the argument against consideration of the local men. This argument was put forward on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. I have a perfect recollection of the occasion, not so long ago, when Sir Cecil Clementi spoke at a public meeting of the very same Chamber of Commerce advocating a standard of living that would conduce to the greater prosperity of and happiness in, this Colony. Our late Governor, whose views and considered opinions are

entitled to the greatest respect, cited the case of America as one for Hongkong to follow. His Excellency was loudly applauded on that occasion. The auditorium was either sincere in its applause of Sir Cecil Clementi's speech at the time or, then, the spokesmen for the Chamber of Commerce have since undergone a complete change of opinion on the question of Hongkong's living standard. On this vote the public can be left to form its own judgment.

An Open Policy.

My reason for bringing in the Chamber of Commerce in my re- (Continued on Page 11.)



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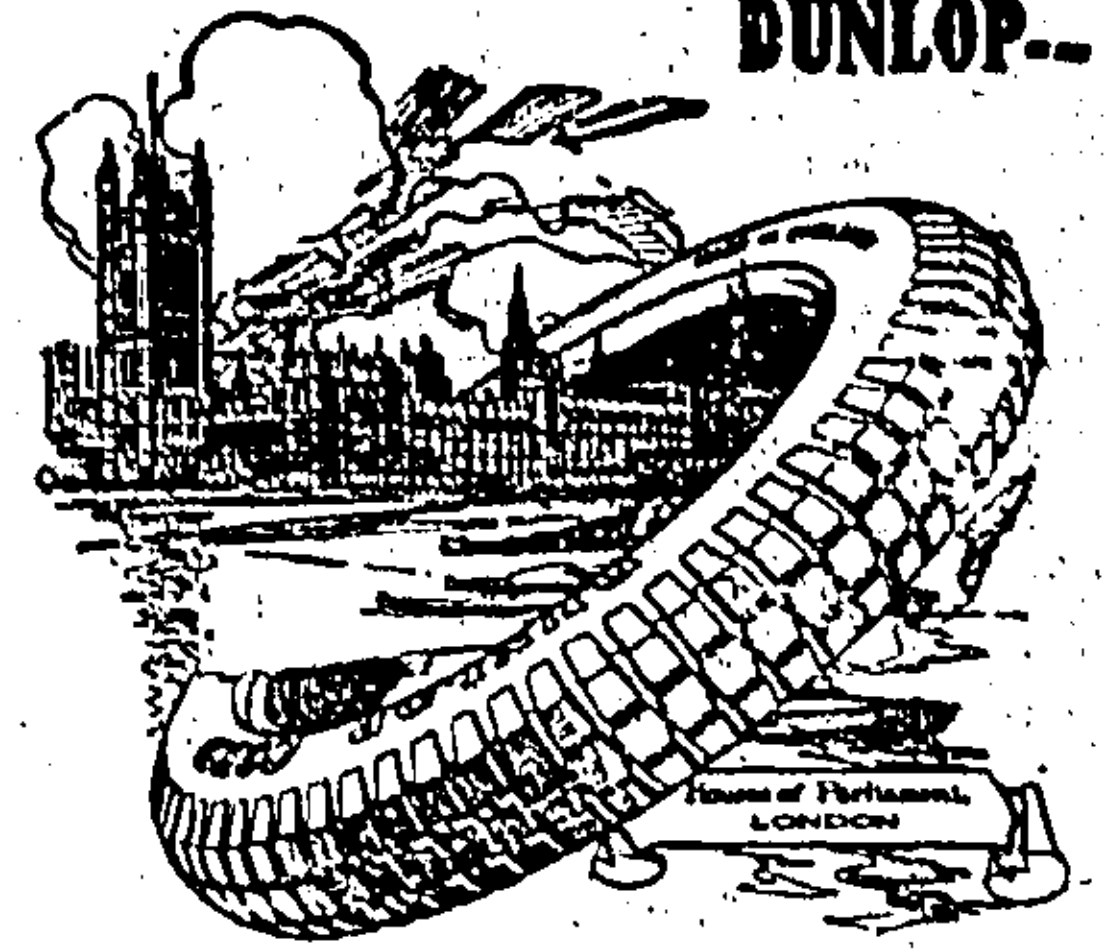
A Painful Experience

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NAVAL CONFERENCE AGREEMENT.

TREATY TO BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK.

FULL THREE-POWER AND A PART FIVE POWER PACT.

SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

The Naval Conference, which has been sitting in London since January, will adjourn next week after the signature of a Treaty, two parts of which will be signed by Great Britain, America, France, Japan and Italy, and the latter part by Britain, Japan and America only. The Prime Minister announced the complete agreement of the Three Powers in the House of Commons yesterday, the Conservatives and Liberals expressing their satisfaction at the outcome of the Conference. The net result, therefore, will be a full Three-Power agreement and a part Five-Power agreement. The Conference will adjourn on the understanding that the present European problems, which constitute the stumbling block to a full Five-Power agreement, will still be discussed and efforts to reach an agreement continued. The Final Plenary meeting of the Naval Conference, apart from that to be held for the signature of the Treaty, will be held on either Monday or Tuesday.

EUROPEAN PROBLEM LEFT OPEN.

London, Apr. 10. The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, made a statement on the Naval Conference in the House of Commons this afternoon when he said: "I am happy to state that this forenoon an agreement was finally reached between the United States, Japan and Great Britain on a naval programme which includes all categories of ships. The Premier added that the programme agreed upon showed a substantial reduction and that the French, Italian and British delegations had decided that it was unnecessary and undesirable to keep all the delegates in London pending a settlement of the purely European difficulties.

Conference to Adjourn.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald further stated that in view of this decision he would propose, at the next Plenary Session of the Conference to be held early next week, that the agreements now reached should be signed and that the Naval Conference should adjourn on the understanding that France, Italy and Britain should continue their efforts to reach an agreement in unison with that between the United States, Japan and Britain. In conclusion, the Prime Minister stated that the terms of the Anglo-Japanese-American agreement now being drafted followed very closely the figures announced last autumn during the negotiations with America.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, on behalf of the Conservatives, and Sir Herbert Samuel, speaking on behalf of the Liberals in the absence of Mr. Lloyd George, expressed satisfaction with the Prime Minister's statement.—*Reuter.*

Way Now Clear.

London, Apr. 10. The delegates of the three Powers have been engaged on an examination of the outstanding points comprised in the reservations proposed by the Japanese Government in Tokyo.

Progress with the examination of these reservations has been smooth and at the close of today's meeting it was officially announced that an agreement has been reached on these points.

This is taken by the Press to indicate that the way is now clear for a Three-Power Pact if a Five-Power agreement fails.

On a number of technical matters the five Powers are in agreement and it is understood that the question of whether these should be embodied in a treaty form to be signed by all the Powers, represented at the Conference was discussed in Conference quarters today.

The newspapers state that the broad outlines of the form which such an agreement might take, were considered today at the headquarters of the French delegation by Mr. Stimson, who was

accompanied by his colleague, Mr. Dwight Morrow.

Proposed Treaty.

The proposal is of course, purely technical and is one of several under consideration.

It is said to comprise three parts, of which parts one and two might be signed by all the five Powers and part three by Britain, the United States and Japan.

It is suggested that part one should preserve the agreement reached between the delegations on the subject of what is called a naval holiday in capital ships and large aircraft carriers and a speeding up of scrapping. It should also embody a table which represents the agreed compromise between category and global methods of limiting naval tonnage and should supply definitions of the exempt and special ships which lie outside these categories.

Part two, it is stated, would refer to the method for humanising submarine warfare which was discussed this week.

Treaty Within Treaty.

Within this five-Power framework it is suggested that a three-Power agreement might be embodied and this would be dealt with in part three of the proposed draft. The effect of this is to secure a more far-reaching agreement and outcome.

The conference, however, continued throughout the day, and lasted until late this evening.

The French and the United Kingdom delegations met before noon. Shortly after noon Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Henderson were in conversation with the Italian Ambassador and Signor Rossi.

The British Empire delegation had a meeting later and at 6.30 to-night Mr. Briand visited Mr. MacDonald at his Downing Street residence to review once more the position of the conference.

Signature Next Week.

An official communique issued later says, the "French, Italian and United Kingdom delegations met at 10 Downing Street this evening. The present state of the negotiations was considered with a view to reporting to the heads of the delegations on Friday morning."

The heads of the delegations will to-morrow proceed with the drafting of the treaty which will emerge from the Conference. As indicated above, this will probably comprise certain articles to be signed by the three Powers only, leaving the European questions for later settlement.

What will probably be the final plenary meeting, apart from that for signing the treaty, will be held on Monday or Tuesday.—*British Wireless.*

Final Attempt Succeeds.

London, Apr. 10. There were many comings and goings to-day in a final attempt to (Continued on Page 7.)

REVOLT AGAINST NANKING.

HAN YU-CHU DIVISION JOINS REBELS.

TO LINK UP WITH MARSHAL FENG YU-HSIANG.

NO HOSTILITIES YET.

Shanghai, Apr. 10.

A serious revolt of a Division of 5,000 former Kuomintang troops in Honan under General Han Yu-chu, consequent on their dissatisfaction over the Nanking administration, caused great excitement in the Nationalist capital yesterday. It is, however, understood that the main body of General Han Yu-chu's Army, which consists of some 20,000 men, remains loyal to Nanking.

The mutinous Division is under General Chang Tai-chun and the rebels are understood to be retreating towards the Shensi-Honan border, heading for Tungkuang to link up with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang.

Lull Continues.

Meanwhile, a complete lull exists on the Honan and Shantung borders. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek cancelled his troop review at Hsuehchow yesterday on account of unfavourable weather. Last evening, he conferred with his chief subordinates, including Generals Liu Chi, Kuo Chu-tung, Chan Kai-shing, and Chan Tiao-yuan.

The Hsuehchow military conference has decided to adopt the defensive along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, this being in accord with expectations.

It is stated that the removal of the Shantung capital from Tsinan-fu to Yenchow, along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, was discussed at the conference. This step may be taken consequent on the rapid advance of the Kuomintang-Shansi allies.

Tanks To Assist.

Immediately after the conference Generals Chan Tiao-yuan, Han Yu-chu and Ma Hung-kwei returned to their respective districts late last evening. Many tanks have arrived at Hsuehchow to assist the Nationalist forces in defence.

Marshal Chiang left at 10 o'clock for Nanking and it is anticipated that he will arrive at the Capital some time this evening.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's chief lieutenant, General Ho Ying-ching, returned to the capital this morning.

Commenting on the Hsuehchow conference, a spokesman of the Nationalist Government told Chinese correspondents at Nanking that the National Government has given instructions to the troops along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway not to open hostilities against the rebels.

The Government will wait for the enemy to strike first, and will thus be in a position to know which of the doubtful troops are pro-Nanking and which are not.

Japanese Visit Resented.

The Nationalist Government, according to Shanghai telegrams, is expressing strong resentment against the coming visit to Hankow of a fleet of Japanese cruisers, on the ground that rumours state that these warships are bringing \$3,000,000 worth of arms and ammunition into China.

The Hankow Kuomintang Department has protested similarly to the National Government. Honan messages state that conditions continue to be quiet. Thousands of Kuomintang troops are massing at Chengchow. The Shansi-Kuomintang commanders are understood to be content not to open hostilities against Nanking at the moment.

The main body of the advancing Shansi troops has arrived at Tschow, but no attempt has been made to get further than that city. War is not expected to break out for one or two weeks.

Claim at Nanking.

Shanghai, Apr. 10. Symptomatic of the calm atmosphere prevailing in the capital, the War Minister, Ho Ying-ching, (Continued on Page 7.)

FUND CONVERSION NOT PROVED.

CASE AGAINST FOREIGNER DISMISSED.

HEARD AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Apr. 11. Mr. O. G. A. Anderson, acting Registrar of H. M. Police Court yesterday dismissed the charge of misappropriation of funds brought by Frazar and Co., Ltd. of 19 and 20, Kiukiang Road, against H. G. Evans, a former employee of the Company.

The case was first mentioned on April 1 when Evans was charged with the fraudulent conversion of funds entrusted to him by his employers.

This was Mr. Anderson's first case in the Police Court where he is at present replacing Mr. I. T. Morris, who is on leave.

Mr. R. W. S. Winter appeared for Frazar and Co. and asked for an adjournment, which was granted. The case was consequently not heard until yesterday, defendant also making an application for an adjournment on the ground that he had not had time to secure legal advice.

When the case was remanded accused signed a personal bond for \$500 and deposited his passport with the Court.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE COAL MINES BILL.

MINERS REJECT PROPOSAL BY GOVERNMENT.

London, Apr. 10. The Miners' Executive has unanimously rejected the Government's proposals to increase the number of hours on a weekly or fortnightly basis instead of the rigid seven-and-a-half-hour day as provided by the Government Coal Mines Bill.

The Executive has decided to demand that the Coal Bill in its present form should become law.—*British Wireless.*

ARREST OF RUSSIANS DENIED.

ONLY GERMAN DETAINED IN BERLIN RAID.

Berlin, Apr. 10. The report that three members of the Soviet Trade Delegation were among the five men arrested in connexion with the discovery of two secret printing establishments has been proved unfounded.

It is now authoritatively stated that all those arrested were Germans. The printing works at which the arrests took place have been publishing Communist pamphlets inciting the Army and Police to insubordination.—*Reuter.*

RUBBER TAPPING TO STOP IN MAY.

NO EXCESS PRODUCTION IN OTHER MONTHS.

Amsterdam, Apr. 10. The Dutch Rubber Producers' Committee has issued a statement announcing that the suspension of tapping in May will now come into effect and adds that measures must be taken to ensure that tapping during April and June and onwards shall not exceed the normal rate.—*Reuter.*

A HAILSTORM IN SHANGHAI.

UNUSUAL WEATHER IN THE NORTH.

Shanghai, Apr. 10. A sudden squall, accompanied by a hailstorm, was experienced here this afternoon, lasting for about an hour.

Some damage was done to houses and roads.

SHANGHAI CHAMPIONS.

"A" SWEEP COMPLETELY SOLD OUT.

Shanghai, Apr. 11. It was announced here this morning that all the tickets in the Shanghai Champions "A" Sweep have been sold.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

INDIAN CONGRESS RAIDED.

POLICE ARREST THE SECRETARY.

RESISTANCE BY WOMEN AND VOLUNTEERS.

SALT PANS SEIZED.

Bombay, Apr. 10. The Police raided the headquarters of the National Congress today and arrested the Secretary, Abidali, who is also the commander of the National Militia at Mehrali.

Women offered resistance when the Police entered the Congress offices, but they were pushed aside by the Police who then proceeded to search the offices.

They seized salt and also apparatus for making salt. Further resistance was offered later by volunteers who took up their stand around two salt pans. The cordon was broken by the Police, however, and the pans were seized.

It is understood that three people were badly injured in the affair.—*Reuter.*

Serious Clash at Nasik.

Nasik, Apr. 10. A clash occurred here between orthodox Hindus and "untouchables" on the occasion of a Hindu procession in which the monster chariot of the god Rama was dragged through the streets.

ALLEGED FRAUD ON RAILWAY.

Two Shanghai Men Said to Have Absconded.

LEFT THE LINCOLN?

Shanghai, Apr. 11. A sum of \$100,000, representing three days' income of the Shanghai, Hangchow and Ningpo Railway, is alleged to have been embezzled. The cashier of the Railway, a man named Liang, together with a shroff named Yun, is alleged to have disappeared on Tuesday.

Rumours are circulating here that the two men left Shanghai on board the s.s. President Lincoln for Hongkong.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

red through the streets. The Police dispersed the crowds with baton charges, 26 orthodox Hindus and 26 "untouchables" being injured in the clash.

All is now quiet here, although there are occasional stray assaults by the "untouchables".—*Reuter.*

Ex-Member of Assembly.

Narayan Prasad Singh, an ex-member of the Legislative Assembly, has been sentenced here to one year's imprisonment for violating the salt laws.—*Reuter.*

Excitement in Orissa.

Cuttack, Orissa, Apr. 10. A prominent Congress leader, Gopal Bandu Chaudhury, has been arrested while marching towards Balore at the head of a party of volunteers to break the salt laws.

The students are most excited and have left the schools.

Help the Navy League's "Soppy" Fund. He gives twice who gives quickly.

parading the streets. Fourteen have been arrested. A vigilance committee has been formed to prevent excesses.—*Reuter.*

Bombay, Apr. 10. One result of Gandhi's so-called national week is the extraordinary number of white khadder (homespun cloth) caps—"Gandhi caps"—which have suddenly appeared amongst the Bombay Indian population. Even merchants who previously wore the familiar round felt headgear have been obliged to exchange it for the Gandhi cap on entering the cotton, bullion or stock exchange.

There have been numbers of bonfires of caps made of foreign cloth.—*Reuter.*

"MASKEE" STILL ON WAY.

DENSE FOG PREVAILING ON CHINA COAST.

NOW FOUR DAYS OUT.

Mr. J. L. Stevenson's junk Maskee has not yet arrived in port from Swatow, although this is her fourth day out. Owing to dense fog along the South China Coast, she has not been seen by any vessel for the last two days.

The latest heard of her was when Capt. F. W. Potter, in a report to the Harbour Office this morning, stated that his vessel, the s.s. Suiyang, left Swatow on Wednesday morning and at 9 a.m. on the same day, she passed the Maskee at Swatow Bar.

Throughout the Suiyang's voyage from Swatow, there was a light south-west monsoon and it was overcast and misty.

The P. and O. Malwa arrived here from Shanghai at daylight today and reported foggy weather along the coast. Asked if any sign had been seen of the Maskee, a member of the crew answered in the negative. He added that the Malwa might have passed her, but the Maskee had not been noticed, probably because of the intermittent fog.

RUSSIAN RESIDENTS IN ENGLAND.

REPORTED ORDER TO RETURN TO MOSCOW.

London, Apr. 10. Mr. J. R. Clynes, Home Secretary, was questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding an order issued by the Soviet Consul-General in London to a number of Russian subjects domiciled here, ordering them to return to Moscow, where they were liable to execution (?). He was asked what action he proposed to take with regard to their continued residence in this country.

Mr. Clynes said he had only seen the newspaper reports of the matter. No representations had reached him from any of the people supposed to be concerned.—*British Wireless.*

SHANGHAI COUNTRY CLUB.

TLS, 2,200,000 OFFER REFUSED.

Shanghai, Apr. 11. At a meeting of members of the Shanghai Country Club last night, it was decided to refuse an offer of 2,200,000 taels which has been made for the Club's property.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

The Country Club is situated on the Bubbling Well Road. It comprises reading rooms, a theatre, tea and grill rooms, and offers facilities for dancing, tennis, lawn bowls, squash rackets, etc. It has a membership of over four hundred.

INDIAN LANDING GROUNDS.

TO BE USED BY THE DUTCH AIR SERVICES.

The Hague, Apr. 10. It is officially announced that the British Government has given permission for the use of landing grounds in India for the regular Amsterdam-Batavia air service.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH MINISTER FOR NANKING.

TO CONFER WITH NATIONAL LEADERS.

Shanghai, Apr. 10. Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China, is to leave Tientsin on Saturday for Shanghai, en route to Nanking, where he will confer with Nationalist leaders.

CLOUDY WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the Eastern Sea depression has moved to N.E. Japan. The other depression is still centred over S.W. China. An anticyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia. The local forecast is: South winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

"RED" MENACE TO SWATOW.

COMMUNIST VIRUS SPREADING.

BIG FORCE ROVING OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE.

MARKET TOWNS TAKEN

Communist activity up country is assuming larger proportions, and it begins to look as if they are able to avail themselves of the preoccupation of the Government with other matters to spread their influence over a wide area. There is even a possibility of Swatow going "Red."

In the last day or two a number of places have been raided by a roving company, reported to be about a thousand strong. The places entered are substantial market towns which were supposed to be immune from such attack, and their easy fall has come as a shock to the countryside. Chief of them are Sin-hi, in the Ket-yong district, and Kwan-yim-san, on the border of Ket-yong and Fungshun. In neither place was there any strong defence force.

Soldiers Retire.

After the raid on Sin-hi it is said that soldiers were summoned from Ket-yong, but that on a rumour that the Communists were retreating they retired hurriedly. Both sides indeed are so far shy of each other. The Communists left Kwan-yim-san in a similarly hurried way on a rumour that some troops were advancing.

Where this force comes from and what is its objective are not yet plain. It may be a body in retreat from military pressure, brought about by a juncture of troops from Meishien (Kaying) and Taipei, making its way south to join the Fungshun Communists, or it may be a union of these and neighbouring Communists aiming at extending "Red" influence towards the Ket-yong district and linking up with the Hail-luck Fong groups.

Ominous Features.

The Communists on their part showed no inclination to interfere with the common people. They robbed the wealthier shops and houses, and held a few wealthy people, including two women, to ransom. But they made a point of paying for the rice with which they were supplied and of showing that the ordinary man had, so far, nothing to fear from them.

This is regarded as distinctly ominous. It means that the people have no hope at this juncture in the Government, and are prepared to take the new-comers at their face value. Nor are they prepared to go out of their way to save those who may fall victim to the rebels.

Absence of Troops.

Another serious factor is the absence from the district of reliable troops. Few of the 61st Division, which has been in control of Swatow and district for some time, are now left. They have been drafted down to the war against Kwangsi. Their place is said to be taken by the troops of Chang Chin from the Amoy district. These have been chiefly noteworthy for their failure to cope with the activities of the army under Tsu and Mo, which is at the moment said to be widely extending its sway in Kiangsi. It is not felt, therefore, that much is to be hoped from them.

The Real Danger.

What is threatened is indeed a painting red of a much larger area than has so far been under Communist sway. With the failure of Government support the fine efforts which for three years have been made in the Ket-yong district to keep out the Communist virus are in danger of falling to the ground. The pressure of Kwangsi on Kwangtung together with the serious situation in the North makes the hope of resisting the menace small. Tsu and Mo have already a very substantial area in Kiangsi and Fukien under their sway. What is on the cards, unless some vigorous action is taken by the Government, is its extension throughout the Swatow hinterland, and, in the event of a Nationalist defeat in the North, the fall of Swatow itself to a "Red" regime.—*Our Own Correspondent.*